

Long-time councilwoman to challenge mayor

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The beginning of what promises to be a battle for the highest office in the city started last week when Councilwoman Debbie Romak announced that she will challenge incumbent mayor Alan Lambert in the November election.

Romak, a city council member for more than 10 years, might be best known in the city for creating a group that opposed bringing an injection well to Romulus.

"I made my decision to run based on family circumstances," she said Tuesday. "I promised myself that I would get involved in politics in a different capacity after my children were grown. My last one graduated from high school last year. This was more a personal decision for me."

For Lambert, the end of his first

term brings closure to some noteworthy accomplishments. But Romak said she's not intimidated.

"I think it's always best to have a lot of choices," she said. "Not everyone is going to think that everything we do is positive, and the more choices voters have, the better."

Lambert said he hopes his experience puts him ahead of his opponent when voters cast their ballots.

"I have the experience to lead, and I've shown that over the last four years and in other positions I've held," he said. "I've been involved in GM, I've been a police officer, I know what it takes to lead and to run the day to day operations of a city."

He said he doesn't think Romak has the same credentials.

"I really respect the work she did when it came to the injection well," he said. "But she hasn't led -

it's very different sitting on the legislative side. They basically approve or deny the things I bring to them. It's different when you have to handle a \$25 million dollar business."

Romak said she has a better feel of what residents in the city are looking for in a mayor.

"I've been through some of the things people go through as residents," she said. "And on the legislative side of government, you get a feel for that. You also learn a lot about the tasks of the administrative side. The most important thing you need for this job is the heart and desire to the work, and the willingness to serve."

Romak got her start in local government when she put together the community group RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Concerned About People), which opposed the plan to put an injection



Mayor Alan Lambert



Councilwoman Debbie Romak

well in the city. She was first elected to the city council in 1995, and has served three terms. She is currently the mayor pro-tem. Romak said her first priority, if elected, would be to find innovative ways to deal with continual budget cuts at the state level that impact communities.

Lambert is a former councilman and Romulus Police Officer.

He was elected mayor four years ago and has since introduced an aggressive drive to revitalize blighted areas and improve city services. He said his most important achievements were advocating for the expansion of a paid, full-time fire department, building a new senior citizens center and tearing down about 120 blighted structures.

Blight ordinance could include citizen tribunal

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A new city ordinance has that aims to help curb the problem of blight in Romulus has some people wondering if the measure will effectively help people clean up their property.

Ordinance 5-187 would clear the way for city officials to appoint a three-member board outside of the court system to deal with residents who have issues with blight.

"This will help us help residents before it goes to court," said Mayor Alan Lambert during the regular city council meeting this week. "This would help people come to a resolution with the city about the problem in a timely fashion."

The board would be a three-member tribunal, which would include a mayoral appointee and an ordinance department appointee. Because code violations would not be decriminalized, the board would not have any direct influence on levying fines. Currently, all code citations are dealt with at the 34th District Court. Code violations in the city typically run from \$100 to \$500.

At least one resident voiced concerns that a board would not be fair to citizens.

Longtime resident Charles Nasiak said having appointees from the city sit on board is a conflict of interest and may be unconstitutional.

"I'm not against the ordinance, but this would be like appealing to the chief of police when you get a

traffic ticket," he said. "There are supposed to be three separate branches of government, and this would be the legislative branch doing the work of the judicial branch. I just have a lot of questions about the constitutionality of the ordinance."

Assistant City Attorney Kevin Watts said the measure is legal because the board would not levy punishment, and residents who choose not to go to the board could go straight to the court system.

"The tribunal is just a way to try to solve problems," he said. "All fines and punishments would still be handed down to the court. This would be a way to address concerns. It's going to be a good thing."

Some council members said they felt verbiage that indicates appearing in front of the board is optional needed to be added to the ordinance.

"I think some very valid concerns were brought up here today," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak. "We still have a second reading of the ordinance, and we can address those concerns at that time."

Blight has been a problem for the city for several years despite aggressive redevelopment tactics, officials said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a measure into law that said municipalities have the right to install boards for code violations last year.

The rest of the city blight ordinance remained unchanged with the exception of adding the administrative board.



Proof is in the 'pop'

The Romulus School District annual Science Fair at Wick and Cory Elementary Schools charged students with the responsibility of proving scientific theory using the time-honored process of performing an experiment and reaching a simple conclusion. Natalia Brown (below), a 6th-grader at Wick Elementary, asked a simple question, "Which pop has more acid, Red Pop or Diet Faygo?" The answer, she concluded, is Red Pop. Students at the fairs also enjoyed hands-on experimentation provided by the Detroit Science Center (above). Students Javonna Williams, Sara Kuczynski and Kelly Boyd clamored around the science center presenters after a demonstration.



School election deadline looms

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for one of two open school board seats is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Because of the new elections consolidation law, school elections will now be administered through the city clerk's office instead of the school administration. This year, the school election is scheduled

for May 3.

Two seats now occupied by board president Cheryle Buckley and board member April Frayer are up for grabs. Both women have not filed the required 40 signatures or \$100 filing fee as of yet, said representatives from the city clerk's office. No challengers have filed to vie for the seats, either.

Buckley said she is seeking a second term because she wants to make decisions that positively

impact Romulus schoolchildren.

"I think we've done some good things, but we still have a lot to do," she said. "I love kids and I want to continue speaking for kids and parents, and what's important to them."

According to Romulus schools spokesman Dick Kruse, Frayer, who has served one term, is still making a decision about whether

See Election, page 3

Chinese dancers to perform at Northville library

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

On Jan. 31, the Northville District Library will come alive with twirling ribbons and waving fans as the Michigan Chinese Dance Troupe introduces spectators to the beauty of Chinese dances and the history behind them.

According to Stephanie Lin, one of the teachers of the

Michigan Chinese Dance Troupe, the group began with a Chinese school that meets on Saturdays on the grounds of Schoolcraft College. Several years ago, the students at the school wanted to find other activities that would be both entertaining and culturally enriching. Out of that dream the dance troupe was formed.

"We do fan dances, ribbon dances—all kinds of dances using traditional Chinese elements,"

said Lin. "The different dances come from different time periods, and there are stories behind them all."

The group, which consists of 10 students between the ages of 7-13, is fairly popular among the students. However, that is no big surprise to Lin, who has began taking lessons in the art at the age of 6 and now—at the age of 15—has already taught it for three years.

However, few people get the opportunity to see the dances performed. Lin said that the group generally limits performances to those associated with the school or occasionally at area Chinese restaurants during celebrations of the Chinese New Year.

The event on Monday will mark the first time the group has performed at the library. During the performance, Lin said that in addition to the demonstrations

and explanations of the traditional dances.

The program will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. Although the program is offered free of charge, advance reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the library at (248) 349-3020. The library is located at 212 West Cady St. across the street from the Northville Post Office.

Scouts seeking donations to buy soldiers phone cards

For soldiers currently fighting in Iraq, home is just a phone call away—if they can afford it. Members of Girl Scout Troop 1556 in Northville want to help make sure they can. They are collecting cash donations to purchase international phone cards for soldiers overseas.

It is a project that is intensely personal for some members of the troop. One of the scouts suggested the project after her

brother, 2003 Northville High School graduate Chris Brennan, told his family that the top request the soldiers have is for international phone cards so that they can keep in contact with their families. Brennan should know. He is currently serving as a sniper in Fallujah, about 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Until the end of the month, collection buckets will be visi-

ble throughout Northville for donations—large or small—that will help the soldiers reclaim a little piece of home. Collection sites include Northville City Hall, V.F.W. Post 4012, and at several businesses throughout

downtown Northville.

Donations can also be mailed to the troop—in care of troop leader Susan Hatch—at 215 West Main St., Northville MI 48167. Checks should be made out to Troop 1556.

EBENEZER'S GALLERY of vintage treasures

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE • 15% to 25% OFF Everything
cash or check only!

- ART GLASS • POTTERY • PORCELAIN • PAINTINGS • PRINTS
- ENGRAVINGS • FURNITURE • STERLING • COSTUME JEWELRY
- RUGS • BOOKS • WATCHES • ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

MON-SAT
11AM TO
4PM

198 W. Liberty at Starkweather
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-354-1999

email: mikehubert@comcast.net



Quicksilver Photo

33¢ Digital 4x6 Reprints
Everyday low price!!

Visit our website for more coupons:

QuicksilverPhoto.com

1150 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

734-455-3686

CANTON CINEMA

Ford Rd 1 Mile W. of I-275

(734) 844-FILM

\$5.75 Kids all shows

\$7.25 Students & Late Show Fri & Sat

\$6.25 DAILY Matinees til 6pm

No Passes

Unlimited Free Drink & .25¢ Corn Refills

ALL STADIUM SEATING / DIGITAL STEREO

SHOWTIMES 1/28 - 2/03

• HIDE AND SEEK (R)

2 PRINTS / 2 SCREENS

• BUY in Hide and Seek TICKET / GET ONE FREE **with this ad

(SAT/SUN 11:10, 12:20) 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:40, 6:50, 7:50, 9:10, 10:00

FRI/SAT LS 11:20, 12:10

• ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R)

(SAT/SUN 11:00) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

FRI/SAT LS 12:10

• IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13)

1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

FRI/SAT LS 12:00

• RACING STRIPES (PG)

(SAT/SUN 11:00) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

FRI/SAT LS 11:00

• PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13)

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10

FRI/SAT LS 11:45



www.cantoncinema.com

Zerbo's

health foods

34164 Plymouth Rd. • Livonia, MI 48150 • 734-427-3144

KNOWLEDGE • SERVICE • EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

Wall to Wall Supplements
Organic Produce
Frozen & Refrigerated Food
Groceries, Tea
Bulk Food, Fresh Bread
Cosmetics, Personal Care
Fitness Section



Save \$5

Off your purchase
of \$50 or more.

Zerbo's

Expires 02/24/05

Save \$7

Off your purchase
of \$70 or more.

Zerbo's

Expires 02/24/05

\$1 OFF

Any Smoothie!

Zerbo's

Expires 02/24/05

Inkster coach suspended for 1 year over recruitment

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The girls basketball coach at Inkster High School could be sidelined from one aspect of his job after members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) suspended him last week.

School sources said Dave Mann, a coach at the high school for five years, was suspended for one year for allegedly recruiting players from another high school. Late last year, it was alleged that Mann asked a Romulus basketball player where she was

going to school. Recruitment from other schools is prohibited by the district.

School financial manager Howard Morris confirmed the suspension Tuesday, but said plans for an appeal are in the works. He also said Mann will continue as school athletic director.

"He has a dual role in the schools, and this would only affect his coaching – not his other duties," Morris said. "His director position remains unchanged."

Inkster-Edison Operations Manager Herb Williams declined to comment on the matter until the scheduled appeal was

resolved. He attended a previous hearing with MHSAA officials and Mann a few weeks ago.

John Johnson, a spokesman for the MHSAA, confirmed the suspension would be for one year, but declined to speak about why the suspension occurred. He said he hopes the matter will be brought to an agreeable solution for the district, Mann and the association at a hearing scheduled for February.

"At the executive session in February, we will address this issue once and for all," he said. "Schools have the right to appeal any

decisions we make, and we'll know more about the direction we're going to take at that time. This action was tabled at last month's meeting once it was decided the school will appeal."

Mann joined the Inkster-Edison coaching staff in 1998. He came to Inkster from Bishop Borgess High School in Redford. The coach has led both districts to multiple state championships. He allegedly left Bishop Borgess amid accusations that he arranged for scholarship dollars for basketball players, which is also in violation of MHSAA rules.



Barth staffers gathered with Sara Banks school officials earlier this week to celebrate their Blue Ribbon designation. In the first row are: Wendy Turner, Banks evaluator; Jim Candela of the State Department of Education; Kathren O'Brien, Banks evaluator; Cheryl Buckley, Romulus School Board president; Gerilynn Klein, Barth Blue Ribbon chairperson and Chris Smith, Romulus Blue Ribbon committee. Second row: Ed Horan, Romulus Schools technology director; Joel Carr, Romulus superintendent of schools; Tom Dolan, Romulus curriculum director; Ken Mientkiewicz, board treasurer; Mark Hess, Banks principal; Diane Golka, Barth principal; Rick Jones, Warren Schools, Pete Solar, Compass Learning; Ed Clark, Romulus Schools director of Human Resources.

Barth given 'Blue Ribbon' status

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Barth Elementary in the City of Romulus was recognized as one of the state's top schools when the Michigan State Board of Education announced the winners of the 2005 "Blue Ribbon Schools" contest.

Established in 1982 to recognize schools that make significant academic improvement during a five-year period, the Blue Ribbon designation is based on several factors, including: academic achievement, accreditation, school organization and culture student focus, teacher support, curriculum and family involvement, said State Board of Education President Kathleen Strauss.

"The Blue Ribbon program's selection committee chose these schools as meeting some very tough criteria in delivering quality education to their students," she said in a statement. "All these schools, their teachers, students, parents and communi-

ties should be very proud of their accomplishment."

Each category was measured by a team of educators from a past Blue Ribbon school, who visited Barth Elementary several times to narrow the number of applicants down to the winning 20 schools, said Blue Ribbon chairwoman and Barth teacher Gerilynn Klein. Michigan Education Assessment Program scores and Adequate Yearly Progress report cards also figured prominently in the final report filed with the state board, Klein said.

"The site visitation team from Sara Banks Middle School in Walled Lake was very impressed with the work ethic and self-directed learning ability shown by our students," she said.

Barth Principal Diane Golka said she was "extremely pleased" with the outcome of the effort.

"Our staff, students and parents here at Barth are really great to work with and the Blue Ribbon achievement speaks

highly of the extra efforts necessary from everyone to achieve the award."

Curriculum director Tom Dolan said having a solid, consistent plan at each grade level helps the district ensure each student meets the same requirements to advance. That, in turn, helps the district maintain desired results.

"Our teaching and learning manual is very detailed and provides opportunities for all Romulus schools and students to maximize their educational accomplishments," he said.

Barth Elementary was one of three schools in Wayne County to be recognized. Randall Elementary in Taylor and Edison Elementary in Westland were also recognized. This year, only elementary schools were eligible to participate in the Blue Ribbon program because primary and secondary schools alternate years, said Martin Ackley, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education.

Council OKs additional Senior Alliance funds

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members voted unanimously to assist the ailing Senior Alliance with additional funding in this year's budget.

The Alliance asked each of the 34 communities in Wayne County for additional funding last year after it was discovered the organization was facing a debt. Bob Brown, the director of the Alliance, said they asked each municipality for an additional assessment for three years to pay for services it kept providing even though Wayne County had reduced its funding.

Romulus will provide a total of \$3,676 in addition to its yearly membership fee of \$1,838. Other area municipalities that have provided the additional assessment include Wayne, Westland, Canton Township, Plymouth, Inkster and Northville.

In Romulus, the Alliance provides services including Meals on Wheels for the elderly, in-

home services for shut-in seniors, an emergency prescription plan, and limited transportation services – all of which is offered at a fraction of the cost the city would have to pay to administer the same services.

Brown said he learned the alliance was in trouble after the former director left last year. He said the organization owes \$550,000 to Wayne County for services provided. Immediately after taking the helm of the Alliance in November, Brown reduced its pension plan, saving \$22,000 a year; reduced staff, saving another \$250,000. Brown said he hopes the organization will be in the clear in three years.

The Senior Alliance is funded through grants at the state and federal level, and dues from participating communities.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak said she is pleased the council granted the additional funding.

"They do great work and this is something very near and dear to me," she said.

News in brief

New trucks purchased

The Romulus Board of Education approved the purchase of two replacement trucks for the price of \$47,000. Dick Kruse, a spokesman for the Romulus School District, said the vehicles will be used to transport students and equipment from each school facility. The vehicles will replace two similar ones that have worn out. The vehicles will be purchased from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

City joins Rouge group

The Romulus City Council voted unanimously to join Wayne County Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The project will cost the city anywhere from \$100,000 this year and \$450,000 during the 2005-06 fiscal year, according to city documents. The project provides grant dollars to cities that implement policies and procedures that alleviate pollution in the Rouge River.

Police radios to be overhauled

The Romulus City Council voted to accept a proposed agreement that will overhaul police radios in Romulus Police cruisers. The agreement, which allows Motorola Inc. to service all radios and equipment, will cost the city \$17,377 – less than the city paid in 2004. The agreement is in effect for 2005, after which the city will pursue a new agreement.

School swim club considered

The Romulus School board is considering a proposal that would create a swim club at the high school. The club would be open to all high- and middle-school students, and would meet from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students enrolled in Romulus schools will be charged \$35, and those who are not would be charged \$50. Students would have an instructor, and a lifeguard would be the premises if the plan is approved at the next board meeting.

Election - Candidate petitions, fees due Feb. 8

FROM PAGE 1

she will seek reelection. Neither board member was available for comment.

Board members are elected at large. Candidates are required to live within the school district. City Clerk Linda Choate said that every applicant should submit

more than the customary 40 signatures.

"I would recommend that people have more signatures because there will be a verification process," she said. "And if you only have 40 signatures, and one can't be verified, you will not have enough signatures."

School board members approved a resolution last month

to have elections in May to ensure compliance with the consolidation law. Under the legislation, school elections must be either in May or November. Romulus schools elections were formerly scheduled in June.

For more information about the open seats or to obtain a petition, call the Romulus City Clerk's Office at (734) 942-7540.

'Step inside'

Local musician hopes for national fame with latest recording

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Anyone who decides to 'Step Inside' the world of Rusty Lunchbox will get a taste of rock music that combines the variety of hardcore rock mixed with a splash of softer hits, and even a little country.

The four-piece rock band started in 1998 when lead singer and rhythm guitarist Dave Fuller, of Belleville, decided to leave his country music agenda behind for something more hardcore.

"I needed to play rock," he said, with a fervent gleam in his eye.

With the help of Dave Cheney on bass guitar, Steve Johnson on lead guitar and vocals, and Tracy Jones on the drums, and other members along the way, the musicians became a new band.

The band compares their musical style to groups such as Nickelback and Matchbox 20. They recently released their first record *Step Inside*.

So far, Fuller said the CD has received a great response, most likely because of the variety that *Step Inside* provides. It is not yet sold in stores, but can be found at any one of their live shows, or by visiting their website www.rustylunchbox.com.

And once listeners are through the doors and on their way to the sounds of Rusty Lunchbox, they can enjoy popular hits such as *The Worst and the Better* and *Sorry*.

"A lot of people tell me that they can relate to the music," said Fuller. "Pretty much every song on the album everybody has felt that way or been through a similar situation. That's how I write and what I write about: life, and relationships. That's what inspires the music."

What's unique about his music style, Fuller said, is the fact that he has remained levelheaded and the same person he has always been.

"I don't think that I'm the best singer out there. I've seen a lot of bands that change through the years, but not us. We're still friendly and I think that's why people like us," he said. "We just want to be able to play music and have fun. I think people can see that and respect us for it."

Fuller said that while life as a musician can be stressful, he still goes out to every show with the mindset to play the best that he can.

"Music has made me more responsible, made me look at things differently and made me a better person," he said. "I get a response and respect from music. Plus, I've



Rusty Lunchbox rocked for fans this past weekend at Walkers Speakeasy in Dearborn. The band's upcoming performances include Macgregor's in Dearborn Heights and The Embers Grille in Flat Rock.

gotten the chance to meet a lot more people and make a lot more friends."

Most recently, the band played at U.S. 12 in Wayne, Walkers Speakeasy in Dearborn and Charlie's in Lincoln Park.

But Fuller said Rusty Lunchbox has

plans to go all the way to Los Angeles.

"A lot of people know about us, we have songs on the radio and we've even had a few nibbles from a producer with Atlantic Records," he said. "We want to keep playing as much as we can to make it big."

Police contract is OK'd

After about two years of negotiations, the Belleville police officers will receive a 2 percent annual increase under a three-year contract.

Last week, city council members approved the contract, along with several other items for the department.

According to Mayor Tom Fielder, the more-than-two-year wait is not unusual.

"It typically takes about that long when you have to go back and forth between the two boards. Plus, halfway through the process there was a union representative change, which caused a few months of delay," he said.

The contract, which was already approved by the officers before council members could consider it, includes the same short-term disability coverage that is currently provided to the Department of Public Safety and clerical employees, but with no retroactivity. The special assignments, holiday pay, tuition reimbursement and the 1.16 percent of the police department payroll, which goes into the retirement

fund, will also remain the same.

Increases were made in meal allowances, which went up from \$5 to \$7, as well as the cleaning allowance, which increased from \$300 to \$350 per year.

The contract also includes a modification of the hospital/medical/dental plan by ratifying a reimbursement of \$15 for each paid \$25 co-pay prescription.

Last week, Police Chief Paul Davis also released the December crime statistics for Belleville.

According to Davis, there was a noticeable increase in property crimes, particularly the breaking and entering offenses, which he said could be attributed to students at Belleville High School reporting incidents occurring at vehicles parked at the school.

The police department reported 91 traffic stops and 20 arrests, a decrease in which Davis attributes to educating the public about obeying the law; and 101 criminal complaints. Davis said there was not an appreciable change in this category.

Charter Township of Van Buren Bid Instructions for Van Buren Estates Subdivision Ash Tree Replacement Project

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for the Van Buren Estates Ash Tree Replacement Project. The project entails the planting of 142 replacement trees in the road rights-of-way. The Van Buren Estates Subdivision is located south of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty Road, and north of the I-94 Service Drive. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "Ash Tree Replacement Project" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM EST on Thursday, February 17, 2005 and will be publicly opened following the deadline.

Specifications and plans may be obtained from the Office of the Township Clerk, during normal business hours starting January 20, 2005. There will be a non-refundable charge in the amount of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). There will be an additional charge of five dollars (\$5.00) for mailing. For more information you may call (734) 699-8913.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bids. The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish: January 27, 2004

NOTICE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE Annual School Election May 3, 2005 LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005 at 4:00 P.M.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nominating petitions for filling two (2) vacancies as a Member of the Board of Education in the Romulus Community School District may be obtained from the office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TWO (2) - FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 4 00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time. Petitions should contain a minimum of forty (40) signatures and no more than 100 signatures of voters registered in the Romulus Community School District or Candidates may pay a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) filing fee in lieu of filing petitions.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: January 27, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-101-01-0017-000. The properties is located on the east side of Lenmoore Avenue, north of Savage Road.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R1-A (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant, Ronald Traskos, is requesting a variance to the Township's Lot Split Ordinance, Section 78-226.(4) to allow an increase in the width of the lot for a depth ratio of approximately 44 feet.

The applicant is requesting a variance to:

SECTION 78-226.(4) LOT SPLIT ORDINANCE

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Publish: January 27, 20005

Local high schools stress importance of grades for athletes

Staff writers Meghan Chatham, and Andrea King and Editor Scott Spielman contributed to this report.

Buy Here
Pay Here
Available

Where there's smoke

Local firefighters' education effort wins state community service award

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Van Buren Township Fire Department is 'smoking' when it comes to fire safety and the use of their fire safety house. The department was awarded a community service award recently in Lansing from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA).

"It's nice to see that this service we offer to the public is being acknowledged, particularly with the dwindling revenues that the community is faced with. Obviously if one child knows how to get out of a fire, that's what it's all about," said Township Supervisor Cindy King. "The service is free and educational, but fun at the same time."

The fire safety house, or smokehouse, was brought to the township more than five years ago. It was a project spearheaded by resident Ralph Nodwell, as well as other community contributors.

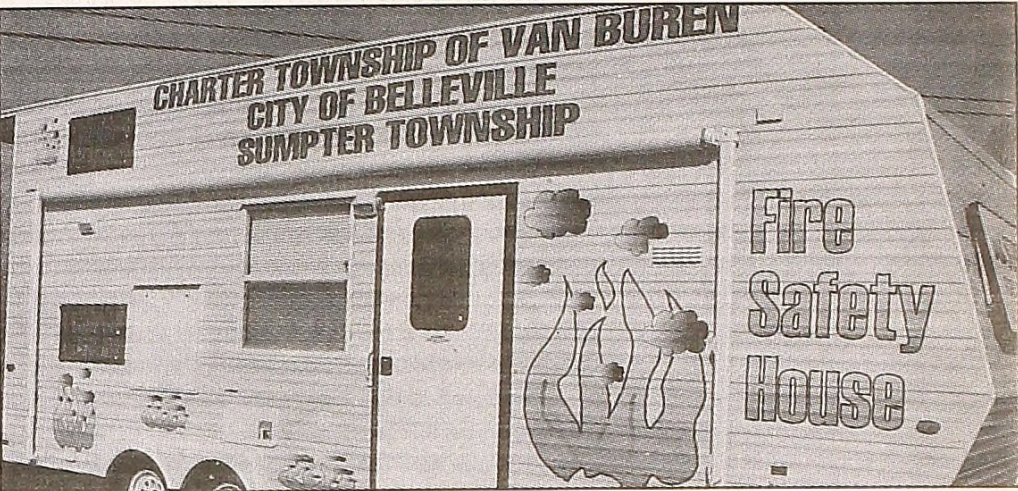
The smokehouse is set up like a miniature house, equipped with a kitchen, living room, staircase and a bedroom. With 5-foot

ceilings, the fire safety house is made for children to simulate what would occur in a real fire, according to Al Smolen, Van Buren Township fire chief.

"First we show the kids a video on fire safety, then, with the firefighters, we fill the room with a non-toxic smoke and, just like a real fire, a smoke alarm goes off," he said. "We teach the kids to stay low to the ground, feel for the door handle, and know where the two safety exits are: the door and the window. This way, the kids learn what they might encounter inside their home if there's a fire."

Smolen said that the department has had thousands of children go through the smokehouse at both the schools and different area events. The children also watch themselves on video after the demonstration is done.

"It's a teaching tool for youngsters, but it's more than that because the kids take home the information and skills to their family," he said. "This award means the MRPA recognizes the value of that message and the value of the delivery and audience that it's definitely a service to the community, which



The Van Buren Township Fire Department was awarded a community service award recently from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association for their smokehouse (above) that teaches children about fire safety.

I believe is a very important service." The smokehouse is a shared service between the township, the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township. Every year, Smolen said they try to get a little more creative than the last one to reach more people. They typically visit children in the first and second grades and then again when they have reached the fourth grade. "We want to make it a learning experience, but not a distraction in school," said Smolen. "Most kids have been through the smokehouse at least twice by the time they are out of elementary school."

Accident witness sought by police

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Officials of the Van Buren Township public safety department continue to search for answers regarding a recent personal injury accident.

A 49-year-old Redford man and driver of a 1994 Jeep Cherokee struck a 51-year-old Louisiana man last week.

According to township police officials, the driver was traveling north on Haggerty Road, when he struck the Louisiana man who was running east, across Haggerty

Road. Officials said that the driver was not injured in the accident and was released.

Police, fire, the township investigation team and the Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics were dispatched at 4:35 p.m. to the area. Upon arrival, police discovered that the Louisiana man had been struck by a vehicle and was treated and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He is listed in critical condition.

Anyone who has information or questions regarding the accident is encouraged to call Van Buren Township Police Det. Marc Abdilla at 734-699-8930 ext. 239.

City of Romulus NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES & PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

A public hearing is scheduled for TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for the purpose of:

RECEIVING COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2005/2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM. THE CITY OF ROMULUS EXPECTS TO RECEIVE AN ESTIMATED \$260,000. IN FY2005. THE CITY IS INTO YEAR TWO OF A 10-YEAR PRE-COMMITMENT OF CDBG FUNDS WITH WAYNE COUNTY AND H.U.D. TO FUND BOND PAYMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROMULUS SENIOR CENTER. THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION IS \$240,000. THROUGH THE YEAR 2014 AND THE BALANCE WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE SENIOR CHORE AND MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM.

2005 PROPOSED PROJECTS:

ACTIVITY/Location:	FUNDING REQUEST:
Senior Services - Citywide 36515/36525 Bibbins Chore/minor home repair services, Transportation, education, Recreation & staffing	\$19,500.00
Senior Center Construction bond payment 36525 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174 \$3.4 mil Bonded Construction - CDBG funds anticipated to repay a portion of the bond with DDA covering balance over a 10 year pre-commitment period. (with an estimated reduced allocation of 5% annually)	\$240,400.00
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$260,000.00

IN ADDITION, THE CITY ANTICIPATES RECEIVING AT LEAST \$50,000.00 FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION THROUGH REPAYMENT OF LIENS/REVOLVING FUNDS (PROGRAM INCOME) AND WILL NOT BE APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDS.

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and proposed uses for developing projects utilizing Wayne County, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The primary objectives are to assist low to moderate income families directly or provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of elderly and physically disabled.

Interest persons are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above or suggest other projects. All projects must benefit low to moderate income residents.

Please write or telephone the City of Romulus, Community Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus Michigan 48174, (734) 955-4533 with your comments.

Publish: January 27, 2005

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS STREET and ALLEY VACATION

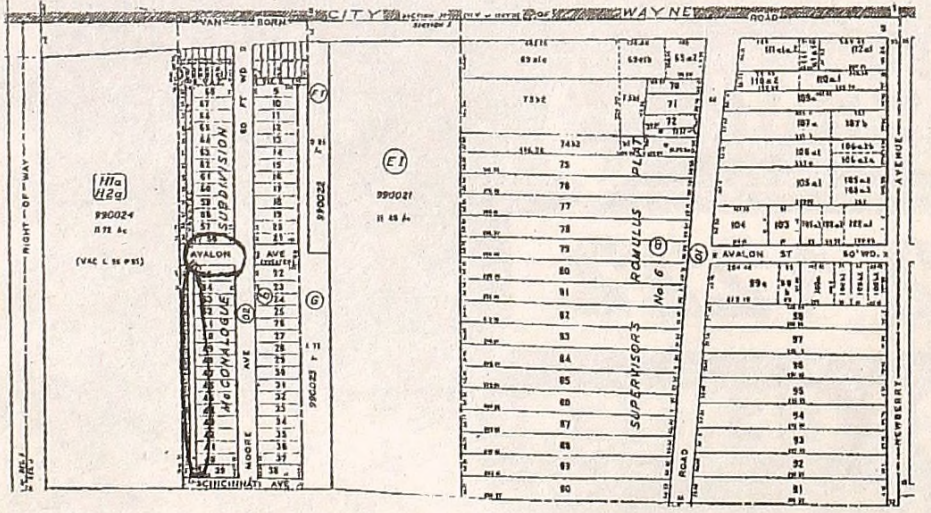
Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following street and alley:

That portion of Avalon Avenue west of Moore Avenue and the alley adjacent to Lots 39 to 55 inclusive and Lots 95 to 111 inclusive, McConalogue Subdivision.

Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, February 7, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING



Publish: January 27, 2005

OPINION

Where are they?

Anyone who has concerns about the way their local schools are performing has the perfect chance to get involved – but they'll have to act quickly.

Because of the effort to consolidate elections throughout the state, the filing deadline for school board candidates is at 4 p.m. on Feb. 8 for the election in May.

Obviously, this is a crucial time for our schools. Faced with reduced or frozen revenue sources and increasing costs, districts around the state are looking at unpopular decisions like cutting services, classes and laying off teachers.

All of that translates into larger class sizes, teachers working harder and students getting less individual attention. Everyone would agree that it's a less than ideal situation.

There are a couple different ways to handle it, too. You could sit back and watch it happen, and wonder why your children aren't getting the most out of their education, or why houses in other school districts seem to sell better.

You could gripe about the cuts, extol the virtues of a more complete education – many of us do that on our own time, at the dinner table, or talking with friends.

Or you could get involved. It will be a challenge, to be sure – there is no one that will argue that. But serving on the school board can be rewarding, for all its difficulties. It's a perfect chance to get involved in the community and to help shape the future, because education is the key to all that comes next.

The concern is out there – it was evident in the large turnout of parents and school officials from throughout Wayne County in a recent meeting to start up a grass roots lobbying campaign to secure more state funding.

As of this week, though, the school board races in the districts in western Wayne County are mostly uncontested. That might be good for the candidates seeking reelection, but it still makes us ask: where are all the concerned parents now?

A reward well earned

It's a tricky thing for elected officials to accept a raise at any time, not to mention in an election year.

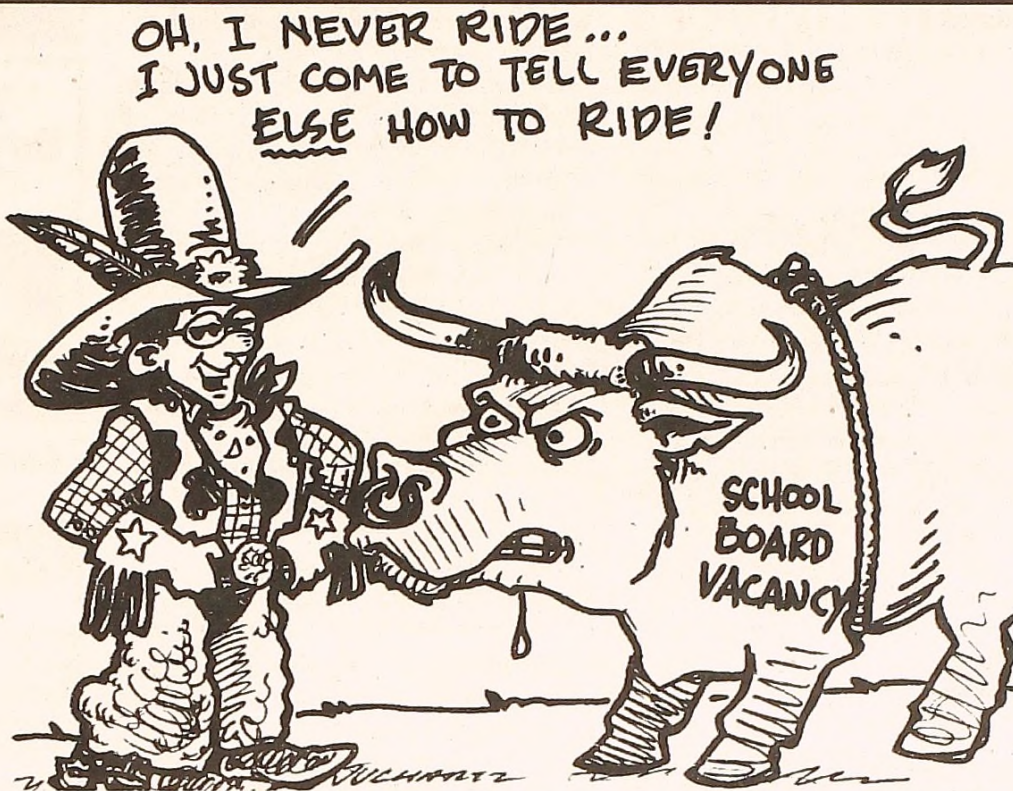
But that's what members of the Westland City Council – along with Mayor Sandra Cicirelli – will face in the coming weeks.

Members of the Local Officers Compensation Committee (LOCC) unanimously approved Monday night a recommendation to grant a 3 percent increase to the mayor's base salary as well as the stipend given to city council members and the city council president this year and next year. They also approved a recommendation to bring the salary of the city clerk – set at \$50,000 two years ago – up in line with other city department heads. Clerk Eileen DeHart is serving a four year term, and won't have to seek re-election for two more years.

As it stands, it's just a recommendation. City council members will ultimately decide whether to accept or reject it – if they do not act on it, it will go into effect. It takes a vote of members of the council to turn it down.

It will most likely foster a bit of discussion at upcoming council meetings and throughout the campaign season. This is a time, after all, of well publicized and documented economic difficulties, when cities across the state are reeling from the reduction of state shared revenues, dipping into fund balances and making cuts wherever they can be made. Westland is no different – they've been forced to do more with less, often leaving vacant positions open and pushing that work onto other staff members.

See **Raises**, page 8



This one hit close to home

It's strange when you realize that statewide legislation can have a personal impact on your life.

I've been in this business for a while now, and I still sometimes get sucked into the mindset that politicians in Lansing are churning endlessly away at busy work, passing unnecessary laws to justify their paychecks. It's a pretty cynical view, I admit, but fortunately things come around every now and then to change my mind.

This is about grandparents' visitation rights, which were increased under legislation sponsored by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and signed into law in December.

Without getting into too much detail, the law provides grandparents a better chance at seeing their grandchildren during certain strained family circumstances. And again, without getting into too much detail, my family has experienced some of those strained circumstances. It started when my brother-in-law mishandled his divorce and took it out on the rest of the family, and the end result was that his two children have been absent from far too many family gatherings.

Christmas presents were still wrapped up, in a heap on the floor, long after the tree itself had been taken down – that sort of thing. For more than four years, now, their absence has been felt, even though nobody really talks about it. It's almost an oppressive silence you can feel during lulls in conversation. It's weighed

*It's strange when
you realize
that statewide
legislation can
have a personal
impact on your life.*

heavily on both my mother-in-law, Pattee, and her mother, Millie, not to mention Lisa and my son, Henry, who's only seen the boys a handful of times and never met a relative (or anyone else, for that matter) that he didn't like.

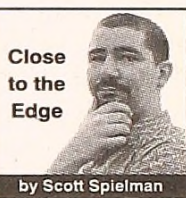
So when the topic came up last week, I was nearly moved to tears to see the excitement in

Pattee's eyes when she talked about finally being able to see her grandchildren again. That unspoken weight was still there, but for the first time buoyed by a sense of hope. It's horrible the things we can do, as adults, when we take out our own selfish hurts on the innocent people we should love.

I know, it probably won't be an immediate fix. The situation has degenerated to the point where it will probably go to court. Even so, it looks like Pattee and Millie will be once again able to spend time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Henry will have another set of cousins to chase around the house or talk trains with and – who knows – maybe it will be the first step in recovery for the whole family.

So say what you want about Patterson. I know him, and I know he's a big, gruff person and he can be difficult to work with – and for. But he's performed a solid service, here, and it's one that families throughout the state would eventually thank him for, if they knew where to send the note.

Let me be the first.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

Better s'know your limits

It's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it can also pose some risk to our health.

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

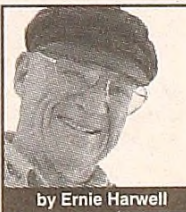
- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.

- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.
- Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand.

Take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

JOURNAL
NEWSPAPERS



The Canton Journal • The Northville Journal • The Plymouth Journal
Publications of Willow Media, L.L.C.

The Canton Eagle • The Belleville Enterprise • The Inkster Ledger Star
The Romulus Roman • The Wayne Eagle • The Westland Eagle

David J. Willett
President

Susan Willett
Publisher

Douglas Willett
General Manager

Sean Rhaesa
Art Director

Scott Spielman
Editor

Rob Young
Advertising Sales Manager

Eric Radcliffe
Special Projects Coordinator

The Journal Newspapers are published Thursdays
at 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Michigan, 48184.
Central office hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Phone 734-467-1900

for general business, advertising or editorial information.

Letters

Group seeking volunteers

To the editor:

It has been a very busy time for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and our wonderful volunteers. As we grow we find the need for more help, and being fairly new and funding our shelter through contributions from the public and fundraisers, money is always very tight. The workload is becoming overwhelming for the few wonderful, dedicated volunteers we have, so we believe the time has come to find a few more willing bodies to fill in the days when our regular volunteers have other family obligations.

We will ask that you treat volunteering at our shelter the same as you would anything you feel is important enough to commit to do on a regular basis.

So if you have 2-4 hours a week to give to a wonderful cause and are creative, hard-

working and dependable, we would love to talk to you about joining our mission. Training will be provided, and questions will always be welcome.

We have openings for people who like to make grant packets, fold newsletters, do administrative data entry, fundraising, and/or get dirty cleaning kennels and caring for the animals.

The hours would range from Monday - Saturday 8-10 a.m. and 3-8 p.m. The facility is closed on Sunday but we may need an occasional Sunday for kennel cleaning volunteers. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities and you are willing to commit at least 2 hours a week of your time to us, we would love to hear from you. Please call 734 461-9458 and leave a message.

Pete and Marcy LaFramboise
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

Raises

FROM PAGE 7

What to do?

First of all, the members of the LOCC made the right decision in several regards. The clerk's salary deserved to be bumped up - as it was, she earned more than \$15,000 less per year than her deputy - and the mayor also deserved an increase. The position has paid the same salary for nearly eight years now, and the costs of living have increased substantially during that time. Cicirelli has done an excellent job of steering the city through a difficult economic time, all the while giving credit to all city employees. Her current salary is hardly commensurate with officials in other like communities - or even smaller ones. She deserves the raise.

It's an easy thing to say that the city

council members are well compensated for their efforts, too, and they will have the more difficult decision. We think they, too, deserve credit for keeping costs down in the city by examining line items in the budget, asking questions and making the right decisions. Sure, it's allegedly a part-time position, but anybody who has served in a part-time public office will tell you that the reality is that it takes more time than the average person would think. In addition to the regular meetings, there are many study sessions, city events, appointments with other boards and commissions - and the phone can always ring. Let's remember that these people, too, have families to spend time with and city business often cuts into that special time.

The budget situation isn't destined to get better any time soon, but we still think they've deserved the benefits of their hard work.

Tumble In & Sign Up For Winter at Euro Stars Gymnastics "Home of Champions"

Gymnastics is fun for Boys & Girls of All Ages Starting at Age 2

- Parent/Tot Classes
- Boys/Girls Preschool
- Developmental Classes For Beginner/Advanced/Competitive Team Levels 2-10
- Tumbling for cheerleading



Register Now and Receive \$10 Off Registration Fee (Good through 2/28/05)

Book Your Next Birthday Party with Us!

16 Yrs. Experience • Safety Certified • Member of USAG • World Champion Medalist & Olympian

9229 General Drive • Plymouth • 734-737-9500

IRS PROBLEMS IRS SOLUTIONS

1-800-IRS-HELP (477-4357)

Bank's Vacuum SuperStores Since 1956

World's Best New Vacuums, Expert Repairs, Parts & Accessories



Simplicity WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL VACUUM!

The New "Synergy" with patented "Tandem Air" Technology out-cleans every other vacuum while offering:

\$699.99 Reg. \$899 SAVE \$200! LIMITED TIME ONLY!

- 100% Sealed Hepa Filtration
- On Board Attachments
- Excellent Bare Floor Cleaning
- Unprecedented 6 Year Warranty

Sorry, Oreck...

At Simplicity, we set out to build the world's best 8 lb. vacuum.

And recently, an independent lab testing proved it! The test showed the Simplicity Freedom out cleans the Oreck by 39.45%.

SAVE \$100 \$199.99 F33007

WORLD'S LARGEST SELECTION OF UPRIGHTS!

FROM \$39.99



SWIVEL GLIDE

- 12 amp motor
- Attachments on board
- Easy to push with swivel wheels

\$69.99

EUREKA

BOSS SMART VAC

- Rated BEST BUY Consumer Reports
- 12 amp motor
- Tools on board
- HEPA filter

#4870DT \$129.99 SAVE \$70

EUREKA

MIGHTY MITE PORTABLE VACUUM

Attachments included • Lightweight design

#S3670 \$59.99

DYSON®

SEE THE NEW DC14 LINE-UP INCLUDING THE NEW "ANIMAL"

FROM \$429.00



RED STAR

- Ultra quiet operation
- Excellent suction
- 50% lighter than an upright
- Limited time only

\$599.00 Reg. \$669

ALL STEAMERS... ON SALE NOW!



V2 STEAM VAC F7225

\$229.99



5 BRUSH STEAMER

With Stair & Upholstery Brush Hose attached - No Hook up!

15912-900 \$169.99



EASY STEAMER CE7150

\$79.99

FREE

BANKS VAL-U-PAK

- with ANY Vacuum Purchase Over \$60
- 6 FREE BAGS • 1 FREE BELT
- 1 YEAR EXTRA WARRANTY
- 1ST YEAR BIRTHDAY TUNE-UP

\$10 OFF VACUUM TUNE-UP

Our Full Service Clean & Grease PLUS Bath & Deodorizer

FREE VACUUM BAGS

When You Buy 2 Packs With Coupon • Expires 2.26.05

FREE SERVICE CHECK!

We'll Check Your Vacuum & Provide you with a full estimate prior to repair! \$20 Value! With Coupon • Expires 2.26.05

LIVONIA	BIRMINGHAM	NOVI TOWN CENTER	WARREN	PLYMOUTH	GROSSE POINTE WOODS	SHELBY TWP.	DEARBORN	TROY
28251 5 Mile Rd. Between Middlebelt & Inkster	33242 Woodward Ave. North of 14 Mile	Corner of Grand River & Novi Rd. Across from Kinkos	29202 Hoover North of 12 Mile	989 Ann Arbor Rd. Between Main & Sheldon	20187 Mack Between 7 & 8 Mile	13959 Hall Rd. Corner of Hall & Schoenherr	23341 Ford Rd. 6 Blocks East of Telegraph	4832 Rochester Rd. 1 Block South of Long Lake
(734)425-1105	(248)258-8911	(248)347-7655	(586)576-6000	(734)455-3500	(313)881-0700	(586)566-9988	(313)562-3375	(248)528-3680

STORE HOURS: MONDAY & THURSDAY 9 - 7 • TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9 - 6 SATURDAY 9 - 5:30

Who's who

Local artist-musician profiled in prestigious publication

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Charlotte Moore-Viculin has run a music/art studio in Plymouth for 25 years. Her quaint studio is filled with plaques and awards from groups such as the Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women and the American College of Musicians. One of her former students is set to play Carnegie Hall this summer. And she was recently profiled in the biographical directory *Marquis Who's Who in the World*. With all of these amazing accomplishments on her resume, one might think she would be used to talking about her seemingly fulfilling life. But Moore-Viculin was fairly short in her assessment of all she has attained.

"It's been awesome," she said. The "Who's Who" directory only includes the most exemplary achievers and contributors from across the U.S. and around the world. Moore-Viculin said three organizations she belongs to submitted her name for the prestigious honor. And she has an idea of why she was selected.

"I have very high standards for everything I do," she said. "And I've never been willing to compromise those standards."

Moore-Viculin said she got that valuable trait from her parents. She also said the process for being included into the directory was a bit strenuous.

"They asked questions about my entire life," Moore-Viculin said. "I had to go back and try to remember a lot of things."

Currently, the Dearborn Heights resident is a self-employed portrait artist, mural painter, pianist, vocalist, music arranger, teacher and professional music judge. She is a graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Wayne State University. Before bringing her business to Plymouth in 1980, Moore-Viculin had studios in Detroit and Livonia.

In 1990, and again in 1993, a song she arranged, entitled *Two Peninsulas*, was approved by the Michigan State Senate and became an official song for the state.

Recently, the accomplished artist has taken on a couple of extraordinary jobs.

At the end of last year, Moore-Viculin completed a portrait of The Right Rev. Richard W. Ingalls of the Mariner's Church in downtown Detroit. The oil painting was unveiled at a ceremony commemorating Ingalls' 40 years with the church. The priest was mentioned in the Gordon Lightfoot song about the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald ship.

Both her father and mother were extremely active in the church until their deaths in 1989 and 1994, respectively. Her father served as an usher, while her mother was on the church breakfast committee. Both her parents talked of the revivification of the Mariners' Church, which led to Moore-Viculin seeking the reverend's approval for the painting.

She is also currently working on an extensive mural that will take up an entire wall in the Amantea Restaurant in Garden City. The mural depicts the entire town of Amantea, Italy in detail and includes a full-size portrait of the restaurant's owner standing on a balcony overlooking the town where he was born.

Moore-Viculin said she tries to tell a story with each portrait she does.

"I like to place objects in the painting that will give you an idea of who this per-

son is," Moore-Viculin said. "I want people who don't even know them to go away feeling like they know the person in the painting."

Moore-Viculin paints on commission. She said she's never been a person who painted and tried to get people to buy her artwork. It's just something she loves to do, she said.

While she loves painting, Moore-Viculin's artwork takes a backseat to her true love: music.

The pianist has been tickling the ivories since she was 5 years old. It could be said that music is in her bones, as both her mother and father had an extensive piano education. Her great aunt was a portrait artist. An uncle of Moore-Viculin's painted scenes on carriages in England. Her sister is a piano and brass instructor. And she met her husband, Richard, when he came to take voice lessons from her.

"I come from a long line of artists and musicians," she said. "But I'm the only one who's made a career out of both."

Moore-Viculin has also had the opportunity to be a part of a historic record label.

Some time ago, she was able to get an audition at the home of the mother of Motown legend Gladys Knight. Knight was impressed with the piano-playing skills Moore-Viculin exhibited, and she began to travel with Knight and the Pips. Moore-Viculin arranged songs for the label for seven years. The songs she arranged were performed by yet another legend, Diana Ross.

Family played a large role in her decision to quit the job. Six months prior to a job proposal that would have moved her to California, Moore-Viculin was offered another type of proposal—from her husband of now 28 years.

"I had finally found the right guy, and I was ready to get married," she said. "And I realized that was more of a single person's job."

Even with all her professional experiences, Moore-Viculin said she enjoys teaching youths the joys of music, even though she doesn't teach as much as she did at one time. She has had at least a dozen of her students enroll at the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston, as well.

Moore-Viculin also said she realizes that the entertainment industry is a crash-out, but she hates to see a person's talents fall by the wayside because of other people—mainly their parents.

"When you go into the arts, it's better if you're not a security-minded person," Moore-Viculin said. "But you can't try to juggle music with something else. You have got to dedicate yourself to whatever area you go into to find out if you've got what it takes. And you can't let what other people say deter you from your dreams."

No one stood in the way of the multifaceted Moore-Viculin's dreams.

"I love the fact that I've been able to use my God-given talents," she said. "But it's also rewarding for me to work with kids who have these dreams they can reach. If you have a dream and a solid work ethic, anything is possible."



Charlotte Moore-Viculin

Salon Trio Girls
Are Back at...

SALON
INSPIRE
The Finest Salons in Plymouth

630 Starkweather
Plymouth, MI OLD VILLAGE
734.927.6690

Stylists: Left Front (L&R) Angela Easley, Melissa Montagano, Jacinda Burdick, Sheri Cicciarelli, Monique Tucker, (back) Marie Nolan, Kristin Wiley, Gail Callender, Katie Engelman, Katherine Leventis, Laurie Anderson, Joanne Pham, Tammy Cuppetilli, Kim Meyers, Nails - Sheri Maslak, Tina Taylor, Owner - Diana Wiljanen, Kelly Jackson

BEDHEAD • CAT WALK • AMERICAN CREW • REDKEN • KIW • ARBONNE SKIN CARE • BOOTH RENTAL AVAILABLE

FULL STRAP SLIP-ON

Alden

Our Full Strap Slip-On.
Casual Elegance Achieved.

Cobbler's Corner

104 E. Main St. • Northville

(248) 348-6114

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm, Closed Wed

(Next to Genetti's)

Announcing the opening of:

ASSOCIATES
IN PODIATRY
OF MICHIGAN

Specializing in the Care of
the Foot and Ankle

Dr. Tammy Gephart, D.P.M.

Foot and ankle problems can literally alter, or even ruin, a person's lifestyle. Dr. Tammy Gephart is a specialist in the prevention, care and cure of foot and ankle problems, offering both conservative and surgical procedures for treatment.

As a podiatric surgeon, Dr. Gephart also has a strong interest in sports injuries, and works in general podiatry, pediatrics, orthotics, and diabetic limb salvage.

Credentials:

- Graduate of Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine
- Surgical Residency: Northport VA Medical Center
- Member American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons
- Studied with Dr. John Burzotta, Foot/Ankle Specialist, New York Jets
- Member American Podiatric Medical Association
- Member Michigan Podiatric Medical Association
- Member The American Diabetes Association
- HIPPA Compliant

For a confidential consultation, call:
Dr. Tammy Gephart, D.P.M.

ASSOCIATES IN PODIATRY
OF MICHIGAN, PLLC

734-414-0874

990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 200
Plymouth, MI 48170

www.tammygephartdpm.com

Stop suffering from foot or ankle problems today!
Dr. Gephart, D.P.M. can treat:

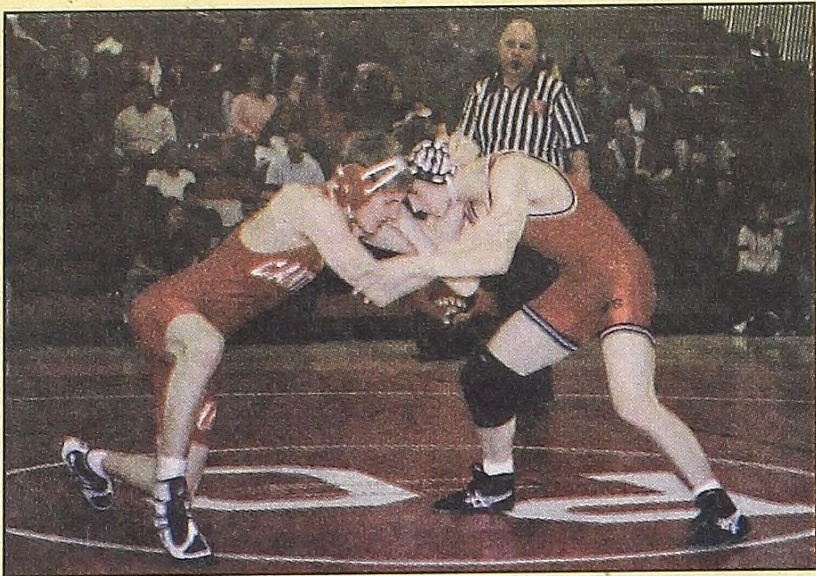
Sports or Recreational Injuries
Sprains
Fractures
Bunions
Hammer Toe
Flat Feet
Ingrown Toenails/
Nail Conditions

Arch Pain
Achilles
Tendonitis

Heel Pain
Bursitis
Arthritis

Diabetes and Related Limb Affects
Neuromas
Nerve Entrapment
Skin Conditions

SPORTS



John McCue (left), pinned Northville's John Junca at the 125-pound weight class last Thursday when the two teams met in Canton. The Chiefs won the meet 65-6.

Canton grapplers roll over Mustangs

Canton grapplers rolled to a 65-6 victory against the young wrestling corps from Northville on their home mats last Thursday night.

The Chiefs won 13 of 14 matches – six of them by pin.

The meet started at the 119-pound weight class, where Canton's Jay Fleischmann beat out John D'Anna 16-7. Pete Bonneau pinned Northville's John Junca at the 125-weight class and John McCue, at 130, pinned Joe Marqita in 2:29.

At 135, Cory Phillips earned an 18-3 victory against Jared

Arter, while Ryan Webb defeated Nick Didio, 13-4, at 140 pounds. It took 145-pounder Konrad Konsitzke 3:30 to pin Northville's Zach Matyiko but it only took Matt Sweda 13 seconds to pin Jim Hubbard in the 152 division. Marwan Faraj, at 160 pounds, defeated Jim Carroll, 18-2.

Pat McWhirter probably had the most exciting match of the night, according to Canton Coach Casey Randolph. He was down against Northville's Dave Caine going in to the second but he had three straight

takedowns to win the match 10-7, according to Randolph.

PJ. Caram won 17-2 against Todd Schoenheid at 189 pounds while 215-pounder Tom Bonnell pinned Tim Resnick in 3:54. In the lower weight class Ryan Schnettler, at 103, won his match, 12-6, and Nick Poole pinned his opponent 4:45 in to the 112-pound match.

The Chiefs are one match away from tying the school record for most wins in a season. They face off against rivals Plymouth tonight at Plymouth High School.

Eagles squeak by Ypsi in second OT

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although Romulus didn't play their best game of round ball Friday night, they still pulled out an 80-78 win in their only contest last week against the Ypsilanti Braves.

It took two overtime periods before Avery Stevenson hit the game winner – it was the second time he kept the game from getting out of reach. He finished with 32 points, 16 rebounds and seven steals, according to Romulus Coach Nate Oats.

His most crucial points came in the fourth quarter with his team down 54-57 and about 20 seconds left on the clock. He attempted a three but was fouled and sent to the line where he had three free opportunities to even the score. The first two went in, which caused Ypsilanti to call a timeout in hopes to freeze him out, Oats said. It didn't work. He nailed the final attempt and sent the game into overtime.

At first it appeared the Eagles were going to make quick work of the Braves. They took a nine-point lead at half time. They outscored

Ypsilanti 12-8, 13-8 in the first two quarters respectively for a 25-16 advantage.

But the Braves still had some fight in them. Ypsilanti went on a 17-3 run at the end of the third that carried over to the fourth and gave them the uperhand for the first time in the game.

But Ypsilanti couldn't maintain the lead. After Stevenson tied the game at 57, Ypsi's Marvon Sanders launched a desperation shot at the buzzer that bounced off the iron.

Again the lead went into Ypsi's favor when they scored the first four points in overtime for a 61-57 lead, according to Oats. It didn't matter as Romulus came back and secured a 66-63 lead with about 41 seconds left. Ypsi made a three-point play to knot it at 66 but Romulus' Dante Williams nailed a three for a 69-66 advantage.

Stevenson had an opportunity to put the game away when he stepped up to the line for two freebies, but he missed them both with 6.2 seconds left. It was just enough time for Ypsilanti's C.J. Simmons to streak down the court and loft up a three to tie.

See Eagles, page 15

Willow Creek
ASSISTED LIVING

Easy to get to...
easy to love.

Now in two wonderful locations
BELLEVILLE AND WAYNE

No matter which location you choose, family and friends won't have far to drive to visit, and the grandchildren can come as often as you'd like. Shopping is nearby, and the van can get there safely and back home before you know it. Located in a close-knit area, our communities combine small town charm with all the benefits of being right in the Metro area.



When it comes to quality
assisted living and
a wonderful way of life,
there's no place like home...

Services Available...

Personal Assistance, Daily Meals,
Medication Management, Social Activities,
Transportation, and much more.



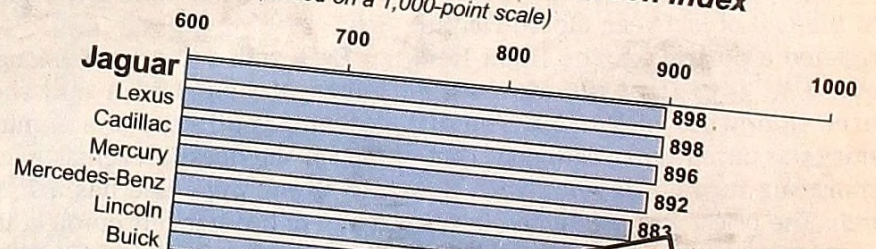
LET OUR HOME BE YOURS.

Willow Creek of Belleville
44401 I-94 South Service Drive
Belleville, Michigan 48111
(734) 699-2900 • Fax (734) 699-8558

Willow Creek of Wayne
31720 Van Born
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 326-8030 • Fax (734) 326-8149

We've Clawed
Our Way To
The Top!

J.D. Power and Associates
Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) StudySM
Nameplate Ranking by Sales Satisfaction Index
(Based on a 1,000-point scale)



INTRODUCING
THE ALL NEW
2005 X-TYPE,
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, SPORT WAGON
**DRIVE ONE
TODAY!**

JAGUAR
of **NOVI**
MEMBER OF THE PRIDE OF JAGUAR

Call Us For Special
A, Z & X-Plan Prices

1.866.210.1170
www.jaguarofnovi.com

10 Mile and Haggerty



Fresh off their National Championship, ice dancers Tanith Belbin (Canton) and Ben Agosto prepare for their Skate-Aid for Tsunami Relief benefit program at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Local dance champs host fundraiser

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

International figure skating champions will join forces on Feb. 4 to host Skate-Aid for Tsunami Relief at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Fresh off their National Ice Dancing Championship earlier this month, Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto are leading efforts to organize a star-studded ice show to raise funds for the victims of last month's Tsunami disaster.

"Tanith and I wanted to do something meaningful to help the

thousands of tsunami victims and their families," Agosto said. "We called our skating friends about the idea of a fund-raising show and Skate-Aid was born."

The show will feature performances from the national champion duo, Belbin and Agosto, as well as Olympic gold medallist Victor Petrenko, Olympic bronze medallist Timothy Goebel, five-time U.S. ice dancing champions Elizabeth Pusalán and Jerod Swallow, U.S. champion Johnny Weir along with others.

"Everybody that we spoke to is very excited and very happy that this was happening," Agosto said.

"It sounded like everyone really wanted to do something."

"We're definitely appreciative of them coming out here and doing this for us," Belbin added. "We know how demanding it is on the top skaters' time. I think everyone in showing the same selfless act."

"We were just happy that we were able to put something together that will raise enough money."

Belbin, 20, originally from Kingston, Ontario, Canada now lives in Canton Township and trains with Agosto, 23, under coaches Igor Shilband and



Skate-Aid is scheduled from 7-9:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Compuware and will feature various international skating champions including Belbin and Agosto.

Marina Zoueva at the Artic Edge in Canton.

The couple won their second straight U.S. ice dancing championship on Jan. 14 in Portland, OR. With a performance that received perfect scores from the entire panel of judges.

The Feb. 4 show will run from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$15 for children and \$20 for adults. A limited number of premier tickets are available for \$100 each and will

provide front-row seating and admission to a post-show reception party with the stars.

The premier tickets are going quick, they said. As of last Thursday there were only 21 remaining.

Belbin said that the two-and-half hour show will consist of exhibition and competitive performances from at least 15 different stars.

Tickets are available through the Compuware Sports Arena box office or by calling (734) 453-6400.

Dick Scott

KIA

ANNOUNCES

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!

Right Now Through Jan. 31st
BUY ANY NEW SEDONA at Dick Scott
And You Get An '05 Rio For Free*

Buy This...



...Get This For FREE*

WE'RE NOT KIDDING!

Right Now Save An Additional \$500 on All Other Kias With Our Auto Show Bonus Discount



We Will Replace Your Tires FREE For Life... With Purchase of Any New KIA. Ask How.

Valid to original owner. Maximum of 8 tires over 6 years. (2 sets of tires). Certain conditions apply. See dealer for details.

KIA

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY!

M-14

1-00

FORD ROAD

DICK SCOTT KIA

US 12-MICHIGAN AVE.

1-04

Toll Free
1-800-959-4144

41840 MICHIGAN AVE., CANTON
www.DickScottOnline.com

HOME OF THE 10 YEAR/10,000 MILE WARRANTY
Mon. & Thurs. 9-9; Tues., Wed., Fri. 9-6; Sat. 10-3
MAKE EVERY MILE COUNT.

Dick KIA Scott

***Customer responsible for tax, title, license & doc. All rebates to dealer. Must be eligible for Kia customer loyalty program. All previous deals excluded. Customers who choose to finance subject to credit approval. Pictures may not represent actual vehicles. Must take delivery from dealer's stock.**

Auto Show Sales Event!
ALL 2004 MODELS SOLD AT EMPLOYEE PRICING!

2005 Nissan ALTIMA
2.5 S



Lease For \$127**
/mo.
36 mos.
\$1995 Due at Delivery

2 Or More At This Price

2005 Nissan MURANO



Lease For \$234**
/mo.
42 mos.
\$1995 Due at Delivery

2 Or More At This Price

2004 Nissan XTERRA
4X4



Lease For \$229**
/mo.
42 mos.
\$1995 Due at Delivery

2 Or More At This Price

1.9% APR AVAILABLE

BUY FOR \$16,435*

NISSAN

BUY FOR \$24,795*

1.9% APR AVAILABLE

BUY FOR \$22,695*



We Will Replace Your Tires FREE For Life... With Purchase of Any New NISSAN
Ask How.

Valid to original owner. Maximum of 8 tires over 6 years. (2 sets of tires). Certain conditions apply. See dealer for details.

OPEN SATURDAYS
10 to 3

TOLL FREE
1-877-267-3776

Dick Scott

NISSAN

All 2004's Now On Sale!

42175 MICHIGAN AVE., CANTON

Belleville hoopsters remain undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers remained undefeated on the hardwood after they beat Detroit Mumford and Willow Run last week.

They faced a resilient Willow Run team on Friday. It was close, but they held on for a 63-59 victory.

Willow run took an early 8-2 lead, but the Tigers responded with a 13-2 run to give them a 15-10 lead at the end of the quarter.

The second went back and forth, according to Belleville Coach Mike Krogel.

"Every time we would get up on them they would come right back," he said.

Belleville still managed a six-point lead, 31-25, at the end of the first half.

The Tigers extended their lead by 10 points in the third but Willow Run went on a 12-4 tear and narrowed the gap to three, 44-41.

The fourth heated up as it went nip and tuck the rest of the way. Belleville's savior was the free throw line where they were 9 of 10 in the fourth - 6-7 in the final 1:30 - according to Krogel.

With about 2:00 left in the game Willow Run's Quan Patterson hit a jumper, which

gave the Flyers a 56-55 advantage - their first lead since the beginning of the first period. Then senior guard Josh Samarco hit for two to get the lead back for Belleville; he made two more from the line to extend the lead. But the Flyers' Juwan Hearn nailed a trey with about 10 seconds left, which brought them to within three, 62-59. Belleville made one more from the line and put the game away, 63-59.

"We squandered some leads and squandered some opportunities," Krogel said. "We didn't shoot the ball real well; that added to the problems. Once we take a 10-point lead we like to make 12 and make it 14. We didn't do that. Willow Run played real well, too."

"I was happy about going 16-20 from the line, 9-for-10 in the fourth," he added. "That's an area we've lacked this season. We really needed them. That's what won the game for us."

Junior forward Tommie Clark was 4-for-4, Samarco and junior

Leon Freeman each hit 2 of 2 - all in the fourth quarter - for Belleville to hang on for the victory.

Clark recorded a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. He also blocked two shots.

Belleville had three others hit double digits, as well. Samarco was good for 16 while Freeman hit a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds. He blocked four shots and assisted on four. Senior guard Anre Partee rounded out the top scorers with 12 points.

Senior guard Isaac Kindell only had four points but assisted on six others and nabbed eight rebounds in the effort.

The Tigers mauled the Mumford Mustangs 67-44 last Wednesday at home. Led by Clark, who finished with 20 points—nine from the arc—and eight rebounds, the Tigers jumped to a 20-9 first quarter lead.

They started slow at first, though.

It was a 7-7 game to start but with about five minutes left Belleville went on a 13-2 run to take an 11-point lead. They kept the flow going and outscored Mumford 13-11 in the second for a 33-20 half-time advantage.

The offense went on the attack again with 20 points in the third. Belleville's defense, led by Kindell's solid play, limited Mumford to 11 points again in the frame for a 22-point advantage, according to Krogel.

They entered the final round of play with a 53-31 lead, a deficit too much for Mumford to overcome. Belleville hit for another 14 to the Mustangs 13 for the victory.

Samarco finished with 13 points - nine of them from three-pointers - and Freeman recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. He also made five steals. Kindell added seven while Partee, who leads the team in assists, helped on five more baskets in the win.

Junior forward Brian Christian scored 18 for Mumford.

Belleville will be put to the test tomorrow night when they host rivals Romulus in what will be considered both teams' toughest battle yet this season. Belleville had the Eagles' number last year; they beat them twice in the regular season and once in the district championship.

Every time we would get up on them they would come right back.

Belleville Coach Mike Krogel

DICK SCOTT'S WEEKLY USED CAR BEST SHOTS

2002 NISSAN XTERRA 4x4



Gets you through the snow!

MUST SEE

2004 OPTIMA



Low miles. Managers Special. Give away price.

ONLY \$12,756

2000 FORD WINDSTAR



Low, low miles. Remote slant for cold weather.

ONLY \$7,993

2001 KIA SPORTAGE 4x4



Auto, air, cruise & more.

ONLY \$7,933

2000 CHEVROLET METRO LSI



Super nice car! Priced to sell fast!

ONLY \$4,536

866-727-4884 Toll Free

Dick Scott's
MAKE EVERY MILE COUNT
48148 Mi Ave., Canton

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REALLY WORK. CALL 734-467-1900 TODAY TO PLACE YOUR AD !

SUPER SAVINGS!

FOR YOUR HOME AND OFFICE

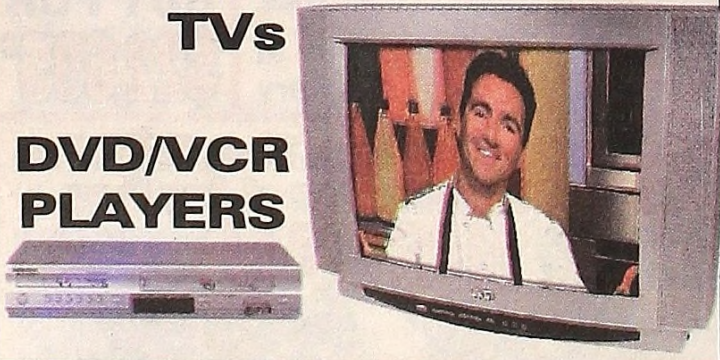
TVS, ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS, ELECTRONICS, SPECIALTY FOODS, PERFUME/COLONGE, LEATHER COATS, ANTIQUE FURNISHINGS AND MUCH MORE

- OFFICE SUPPLIES • OFFICE DESKS • OFFICE CHAIRS
- FILE CABINETS • BOOK CASES • WORK STATIONS
- COMPUTER CARTS • FIREPLACE SCREENS

PRICES SLASHED!

TVs

DVD/VCR PLAYERS



We're Liquidators & We Beat ANYONE'S Price!

LIQUIDATION SUPER CENTER

30850 Plymouth Road • Livonia • 734-458-2670

(Next Door to Dalton Direct Carpet - Formerly Clyde's Carpet) Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm; Sunday 12 Noon-6pm

Plymouth Wildcat hockey lights up Dexter, 8-6

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Mother Nature made it a short week for the Plymouth High School hockey team, but the Wildcats made the most of their ice time, upending Dexter 8-6 on Jan. 19.

Fans of high-scoring hockey were given a treat with this game, as the teams combined for 61 shots on goal.

Dexter almost doubled Plymouth's shot total, firing 40

shots to the Wildcats' 21.

"There was lots of offense and little defense from either team," said Plymouth Coach Mike Kaput.

Dexter lit the lamp first, leading to the Wildcats having to do something they've done most of the year — play from behind. Plymouth (6-9, 2-5 Western Lakes Activities Association) was able to battle back, as the two teams ended the first stanza knotted at two.

The scoring was fast and furi-

ous in the second period, as the Wildcats skated through the Dexter defense and recorded three goals in the period. Dexter was also able to remain hot in the second, as they got two shots past Plymouth's freshman net-minder Christian Blick.

The goals kept coming in the final period, as the Wildcats and Dreadnaughts scored three and two goals, respectively.

Sophomore forwards Charlie Webb and Nick Rosochacki scored two goals apiece, sopho-

more defenseman Jason O'Guinn had two helpers on the night. Blick had a busy night, stopping 36 shots.

Kaput said giving up a large number of goals has both short-term and long-term effects. In the short term, it makes winning games more difficult, he said. Kaput also said his players are coming from youth leagues that focused on winning shootouts every night and that they haven't had much coaching on how to limit an opponents' scoring

opportunities.

"Those kinds of things take time to develop, and we practice and teach them every day," Kaput said.

"The good news from my standpoint is that we have the luxury of time as most, if not all, of our kids will return for at least another season."

Plymouth's next contest is a home match-up against Walled Lake Central. The puck drops at 7 p.m. tomorrow night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Renegades tops in Niagara Falls

Westland Renegades take Niagara Falls Blizzard Challenge

After nearly collecting the hardware in two previous tournaments, the Westland Squirt A Renegades played 4 great games to capture the 2005 Niagara Falls Blizzard Challenge Squirt A Championship.

Earlier this year they lost in a heart-breaker to the eventual tournament winners in the Great Lakes Thanksgiving Tournament and they lost in the finals at the McCann Holiday Tournament.

But they weren't going to settle for second place this time.

In Niagara Falls, they defeated Lysander in the finals, 2-1, when Mike Maiden picked up a pass from Sean Hackman and beat the defensemen to score with 46 seconds left in the third period. Midway through the first, Kurt Snow scored to give the Renegades a one-goal lead with a great setup from Daniel Pedersen and Jacob Stanley.

Lysander countered a minute later off a rebound in the slot. The Renegades' goalie,

Tommy Vincent, played outstanding in all four games. He compiled two shutouts in the tourney against Butler Valley, PA and Cheektowaga, NY. He made some great saves down the stretch of the final game to keep his team in it.

The Renegades started the round-robin games with a 6-0 win against Butler Valley. They received goals from Tyler Glenfield, Nick Borg, Mike Maiden and Matt Hudie to secure the victory. Aggressive fore-checking in the corners by Craig Carroll created opportunities that they capitalized on. They also played solid defense, which cut down on the amount of work for Vincent—he only faced 10 shots in that game.

Next, they played Lysander in the first of two meetings. The contest went back and fourth with great defense and goaltending from both sides. The Renegades scored with just 42 seconds left in the game in a scramble in front of the Lysander goalie for the win.

The Renegades then met Cheektowaga in the semi-finals and put together another



The Westland Squirt A Renegades played some great hockey to capture the 2005 Niagara Falls Blizzard Challenge Squirt A Championship.

strong performance dominated by tough defense. Gage Antczak and Maiden scored goals for the Westland team.

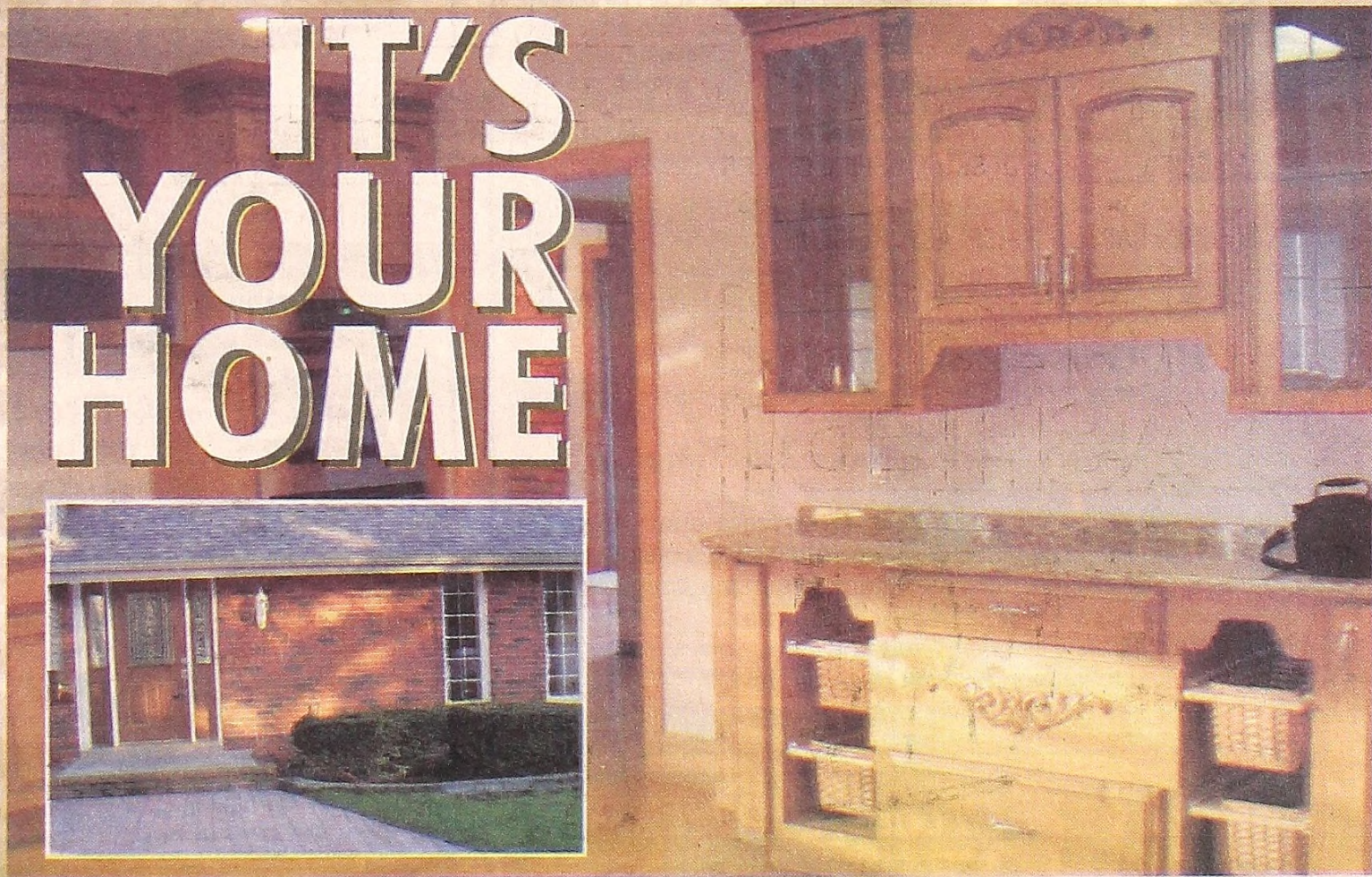
Head Coach Bob Borg credited the success of this weekend's victories to a great

team effort led by the strong defensive play from Sean Hackman, Nick Doupe, Ryan Barrett and Jake Williams.

"We won all the little battles that we had to," he said.

IT'S MORE THAN YOUR HOUSE

- Bathroom Remodeling
- Kitchen Remodeling
- Painting
- Ceramic Tile
- Granite Counter Tops
- Lower Level Renovation
- Wet Bar
- Hardwood Floors
- Laminated Floors
- Drywalling



CORE REMODELING & INVESTMENT

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION AND ESTIMATE

(734) 751-1253

Wayne Zebras nudge past Canton Chiefs, 42-39

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs and Wayne Zebras met up Friday night on the hardwood of Canton High School for a thrilling Western Lakes match-up.

Canton led early, but it was Wayne that overcame a 10-point deficit for a 42-39 victory.

The Chiefs rushed to a 6-2 lead in the first and kicked it up a notch when they went on a 15-2 run that carried over to the second quarter for a 17-7 lead, according to Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard.

But with about 4:00 left in the first half the Chiefs turned the ball over five times, which allowed the Zebras to jump back

in the game and knot it at 22, according to Canton Coach Charlie Paye.

"The second quarter hurt us the most," Paye said.

Canton was actually up, 22-20, with eight seconds left to play but Julian Smith went up for a dunk and lost the ball. He hung on to the rim, resulting in a technical foul. Wayne made both of the

shots to tie the game at 22.

The Zebras took the lead after a lethargic 7-5 third quarter. With about 1:30 left in the game Canton started to foul the Zebras but Wayne was only 1-9 from the line in the fourth. The missed opportunities to keep the Chiefs alive.

Canton crept to within one, 40-39, but sent Wayne to the line again where both shots once

again missed their mark. But Gene Nix nabbed the rebound and put it in for a 42-39 lead. Canton had one last opportunity to tie the game with about five seconds left but they threw up an off balance shot that didn't fall through the iron.

Nix led all scorers with 23 for Wayne and reached a double-double with 13 rebounds.

Mississauga makes 'Swift' work of Plymouth Whalers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers couldn't keep up with the Ice Dogs in Mississauga on Sunday afternoon. Michael Swift's second goal in the second period proved to be the winner in the 5-2 outcome.

Plymouth's only penalty of the first quarter resulted in a power-play goal. Cory Tanaka was sent to the box for tripping which opened the door for David Pszenyczny. He knocked one by Plymouth net-minder Justin

Garay at about the 8:14 mark - 12 seconds before the penalty was due to expire.

Jonas Fiedler countered with a goal late in the period to equalize the score, 1-1. John Mitchell and Steve Ward notched the assists on the play.

However, the 'Dogs were quick to react in the second period when Swift knocked in his first goal in the opening 13 seconds of the frame. The goal gave the 'Dogs a 2-1 edge. Swift took advantage of a power play at about the 10-minute point, too.

With only three seconds left in the tripping penalty to Mike Knight, Swift put another one by Garay for a 3-1 advantage.

Mitchell cut into the lead, 3-2, when he put one past Mississauga goalie Michael Ouzas unassisted at about the 17:06 mark.

The Whalers pulled Garay and put starter Ryan Nie in net for the final period. It took the Ice Dogs more than nine minutes before Jordan Owens added to the lead, 4-2. Cody Bass and Tom Zanoski recorded the assists. Then Dustin Jeffrey, from

Zanoski, put one in the empty net for a 5-2 finish.

Despite losing two of their three games over the weekend, the 20-19-4-3 Whalers remain in the first place of the West division, three points ahead of second-place Sault Ste. Marie (19-21-5-1).

Whalers 5, Sting 3

Dan Collins scored his first career hat trick to lead the Whalers to a 5-3 come-from-behind win against the Sarnia Sting on Saturday night in Plymouth Township.

The win snapped a two-game home losing streak.

Detroit Pros to host basketball tryouts

The International Basketball League's (IBL) Detroit Pros are looking for a few good players.

Greene Sports & Entertainment, LTD will host tryout for the professional basketball team from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Romulus

High School on Wayne Rd.

Registration forms are available at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster on Middle Belt. The cost to try out is \$100 and there is a limit of 50 applicants. For more information call

(313) 205-5520.

Tickets for the Detroit Pros' inter-squad exhibition game, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8 at Romulus High School, are also available at the recreation center for \$2 each.

"Pic of the Week"



UPCOMING WEDDING?

...For a contemporary approach that captures both formal portraits and journalistic images, call Michael Reynolds

192 Liberty St., Plymouth
734-254-9531

www.michaelreynoldsphotography.com

Ideal Auto Body



Ideal Auto Body does auto body repairs, auto glass repairs, auto collision repairs, auto body & car repair estimates, auto frame repair & straightening. We are also here to help when you are in a car accident, have a rear end collision, a car crash, need auto glass or any other automotive collision repair.

WE ARE YOUR AUTO BODY COLLISION REPAIR EXPERTS!

WHY CHOOSE IDEAL AUTO?

- We have been serving the community with auto body repair estimates and collision automotive repairs *since 1932*.
- We use only the *highest quality Spies Hecker Paint System* and *Guarantee Paint Color Match*.
- We use "The Shark," which is a *state-of-the-art* measuring diagnostic tool, specifically designed computer driven ultrasound technology for *exact realignment* when performing automotive frame straightening.
- We use only experienced *ASE Certified Technicians*.
- We will give you *honest* and *courteous service*.
- We are committed to get you *back on the road ASAP!*
- We will provide you with a *lifetime written guarantee* on all repairs.

\$100

Ideal Bucks!

\$100 Towards Insurance Deductible Or
\$500 Minimum Cash Repair
Not valid with any other offers. Expires 01/31/05



Ideal Auto Body
42300 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
734 • 455 • 1951
Fax: 734 • 455 • 6088

GOODYEAR

CERTIFIED AUTO SERVICE

90 Days
Same
As Cash!

MARCH TIRE CO.

HOURS: Mon. - Fri.: 7:30am-7pm • Sat.: 8am-4pm

Two Locations To Serve You Better!

Plymouth

767 S. Main 455-7800

Canton

5757 Sheldon Rd. 454-0440

FREE

4 Tire Rotation
With Lube, Oil & Filter

Kendall
MOTOR OIL

POUR IN THE PROTECTION®
MARCH TIRE CO.

\$21.95
Reg. \$33

Most Cars & Light Trucks
Hazardous Waste Disposal Charge \$2.00.

4 WHEEL BALANCE AND ROTATION

\$24.00
Regular \$34.00
IMPROVES TIRE LIFE

MARCH TIRE CO.
MOST CARS & LIGHT TRUCKS • WITH EM COUPON

COMPUTERIZED ALIGNMENT

\$39.95

Front End Alignment
4-Wheel Alignment \$49.95
MARCH TIRE CO.
No other discounts apply. Most cars & light trucks.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TUNE-UP SERVICE

\$49.95
4 Cyl.

\$59.95
6 Cyl.

\$69.95
8 Cyl.

For routine scheduled maintenance. Includes: resistor spark plugs, labor, adjust timing & carburetor, if applicable; check fluids & filters; test battery; road test. Diagnostic service available for most cars & light trucks. Limited warranty. No other discounts apply. Most cars & light trucks. **MARCH TIRE CO.**

Plymouth hoops drop consecutive games

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

For the first time all season, the Plymouth High School basketball team has dropped back-to-back games.

The Wildcats (7-4, 3-2 Western Lakes Activities Association) have followed a three-game winning streak with two losses to WLAA foes Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western.

Against Stevenson on Jan. 18, Plymouth trailed from the tip to the final buzzer, as Livonia built a seven-point first quarter edge and never looked back.

The Wildcats were down 48-39 after the third quarter. Plymouth was able to cut the lead to one with three minutes to play, but could not manage to take the lead.

"That was a winnable game

that we let slip away," said Tom Van Wagoner, Plymouth head coach.

Stevenson drained six shots from beyond the arch, which enabled them to build and maintain a sizable lead and pick up the win.

Junior guards D.J. Coleman and Jim Wilbur paced the Wildcats with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

Plymouth's 69-56 loss to Walled Lake Western on Jan. 21 gave Western a share of the West Division title.

The contest was much closer than the score indicates. Western led 10-6 after the first quarter and 28-23 at intermission. The Wildcats' hot free throw shooting (16 of 19) kept Plymouth close in the first half.

Plymouth made some defensive adjustments at the half and

took a five-point lead in the third quarter. However, Western (8-3, 4-1) was able to battle back to take a 41-38 lead into the final period.

The fourth quarter belonged to Western seniors Denard Branch and Russ Young, as the two combined to outscore the Wildcats, 19-18, in the final period. Branch finished with a game-high 23 points.

"They got very aggressive crashing the boards," Van Wagoner said. "And with the knowledge they were playing for a division title, Western really got after us."

Coleman led Plymouth with 12 points, while junior guard Brent Jones, DeLuc and Wilbur netted 11, 10 and nine points, respectively. Davey snagged a team-high 10 boards on the night, as well.

Eagles

FROM PAGE 11

Romulus was down again, 73-69, at the start of the sixth period of play, but Jason Gibson nailed a trey. With just 32 seconds left in the second overtime and down again, 78-75, Williams nailed his third triple to equalize the score at 78.

It wasn't quite over yet. Ababacar Ndoeye had a chance to end it with two from the line but, as fate should have it, he missed them both leaving 14 ticks on the clock. And that was plenty of time for Stevenson to rush

the lane and lay up the game-winner.

"I'm happy they found a way to win it," Oats said. "It was good to have a close game and find out how to win it even though we didn't play very well at all. We were only 28 of 92 from the field, 18-for-37 from the line and we had 28 turnovers, but we made big plays when it counted.

Beside Stevenson, Romulus had three others in double digits. Geryn Reese was good for 11 and both Williams and Devin Sercy hit for 10. Sercy also had 12 rebounds.

Next up, Romulus will be put to the test when they head to Belleville and face their nemesis, the Tigers tomorrow night.

DO YOU HAVE CD'S MATURING THIS MONTH?

Are you dissatisfied with your current CD's?

Are you tired of getting lower and lower yields?

Would you like 4.5% tax Deferred Yield?
(Equivalent to receiving 6.25% in a CD)

Would you like to **INCREASE** your monthly income stream immediately?

Do you want your portfolio designed so you **NEVER** run out of money?

SAFETY IS OUR CONCERN.
CALL THE INCOME SPECIALIST - SAFETY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME
Lic. #380348104

For a **FREE** Booklet on our Exciting Product CALL:
800-741-7183

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REALLY WORK.

CALL 734-467-1900 TODAY TO PLACE YOUR AD !

Sites Now Being Reserved For The Villas at McCalla Woods 2 & 3 Bedroom Ranch Condos

- Vaulted Ceilings
- Gas Fireplace
- Dishwasher
- Refrigerator, Stove & Microwave
- Club House w/Pool & Fitness Room
- **OPEN Everyday 10am to 5pm**

www.classictradition.com

We pay 3% Co-op to All Selling Brokers



Ypsilanti
734-320-1955

CLASSIFIED

- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01. Obituaries | 32. Help Wanted | 54. Rummage Sales | 65. Tree Service | 82. Wanted to Buy | 99. Mobile Home Lots for Rent | 111. Out of State Property |
| 02. In Memoriam | 33. Child Care | 55. Farm Equipment/Supplies | 66. Landscape / Nurseries | 87. Room for Rent | 100. Will Share | 112. Commercial Lease |
| 03. Cards of Thanks | 34. Specialized Services | 56. Garage Sales | 67. Garden Plant / Supplies | 88. Duplexes for Rent | 101. Wanted to Rent | 113. Real Estate Wanted |
| 04. Monuments | 35. Situations Wanted | 57. Antiques | 68. Garden / Produce | 89. Apartments for Rent | 102. Storage | 114. Auto Accessories |
| &/w Cemetery Plots | 40. Business Opportunity | 58. Flea Markets | 70. Christmas Trees | 90. Condos for Rent | 103. Business with Property | 115. Autos for Sale |
| 05. Personals | 42. Pawn Shops | 59. Auctions | 72. Machinery Tools | 92. Business Places for Rent | 104. Farms with Acreage | 116. Antique & Classic Cars |
| 06. Legal Notices | 43. Money to Loan | 60. Misc. Sales | 73. Musical Merchandise | 93. Banquet Halls | 105. Mobile Homes for Sale | 117. Trucks & Vans for Sale |
| 07. Attorneys | 44. Music Lessons | 61. Misc. Items | 74. Sporting Goods | 94. Farm Land for Rent | 106. Houses for Sale | 118. Freebies |
| 08. Entertainment | 45. Art Lessons | 62. Building Supplies | 75. Boats / Accessories | 95. Garages for Rent | 107. Condos for Sale | 119. Auto Repairs |
| 09. Lost & Found | 46. Private Instruction | 63. Business with Office & Equipment | 76. Remodeling & Renovations | 96. Houses for Rent | 108. Lake with Resort | 120. Motorcycles |
| 10. Coming Events | 47. Schools | 64. Lawn & Garden Supplies | 77. Recreation Vehicles | 97. Cottages for Rent | 109. Income with Property | 121. Autos Wanted |
| 31. Help Wanted Sales | 50. Pets & Supplies | | 78. Hunting / Fishing | 98. Mobile Homes for Rent | | |

1. Obituaries

BERRYMAN, Anthony G., 41, of Belleville, January 18, 2005. Beloved son of Betty and the late Peter, dearest brother of Donna (Carl) Winter, Douglas Berryman and Mary Ellis. Loving uncle of Jaclyn, Adriane, Rachel, Erica, Jessica, Mitchell and Peter. Funeral services were held Friday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park. Contributions in his name may be made to "The National Aids Foundation".

GIBSON, Zachary R., age 3 of Trenton, January 20, 2005. Beloved son of Michael and Camille Gibson. Dear brother of Michael and Michelle. He was preceded in death by grandparents Liz Kraepel and Frank Chinchak. Funeral services were held on Monday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, Huron Twp. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

6. Legal-Notices

Be it known to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to:
LUCILLA CARMICHAEL
30042 Liberty Court
Inkster, MI 48141
Remaining in unit 2251 who passed away December 10, 2004 will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

Death Notice
Be it known to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any

34. Specialized Services

BRATCHER ELECTRIC
COMPLETE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SINCE 1936

Remodeling • Service • City Repairs

734-722-0037
35728 Van Born • Wayne

and all possessions belonging to:
WILLIAM PERKINS,
2000 Inkster Road,
Inkster, MI 48141,
remaining in unit 4613,
who passed away
December 23, 2004, will
become property of
the Inkster Housing
Commission,
unless otherwise properly
claimed and removed in
five (5) days.

Death Notice
Be it known to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to:
CYNTHIA LOCKHART,
27442 Annapolis,
Inkster, MI 48141,
remaining in unit 3434
who passed away

December 27, 2004
will become property of
the Inkster Housing
Commission, unless
otherwise properly claimed
and removed in five (5)
days.

9. Lost & Found

Lost:
2 Boston Terriers
1 Male/1Female
taken from home
on 1/17/05
Large Reward offered
Call 248-982-7410

57. Antiques

Motor City Antiques
13431 Telegraph Rd. Flat Rock, MI 48134 (734) 782-4018
17,000 Sq. Ft. of Antiques & Collectibles
Over 100 Dealers
Come Visit our NEW 950 Sq. Ft.
FURNITURE ALLEY
Hours: Tues-Sat 10-6, Sun Noon-6

31. Sales Help Wanted

Help Wanted: New shoe store opening in the heart of Downtown Wayne. Sales staff needed. Some exp. required. Apply at Puffer Red's, 113 Michigan Avenue., Ypsilanti.

**FULL
OR
PART-TIME**

The Journal Newspapers
seeking Inside Sales Reps

for the Classified
Advertising Department.
The qualified candidate will
possess excellent commu-
nication skills and relation-
ship building characteris-
tics. Prior telemarketing
experience preferred but
will train the right individ-
ual. Please forward

resumes to:

The Journal Newspapers
ATTENTION: Rob Young
35540 West Michigan
Avenue
Wayne, MI 48184
Equal
Opportunity
Employer

**Worship
DIRECTORY**

Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church
DISTRICT ELDER LUKE A. MCLENDON, PASTOR

Sunday {
Sunday Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)
Christian Education (9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Morning Worship Service (11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

Nursery Room Available for Children 4 Years of Age and Under
29124 Eton Street • Westland, MI 48186 • 734-326-3833

Sunday School 10A.M. - Service 11A.M.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:30P.M.
Pastor Earl Duncan

Morningstar Church
28563 Pardo
Garden City, MI 48135
734-367-3029

55551 Beverly Rd.
Romulus, Michigan 48174 • 734-941-2621

Amazing Grace Christian Center Church
Pastor C.L. Nesbitt

Service Hours
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Everyone
Is Welcome To
Come

Top Ranked Christian Based Technology Company Expanding Sales Managers Needed, Above Average Income & Company Car Call 888-309-5735

32. Help Wanted

A manufacturer is seeking a reliable maintenance person with electrical / mechanical knowledge. Good salary and benefits... Please call: 734-941-8100

RV Technician wanted. FT. Exc. work environment. Incentives. Benefits. Career advancement opportunities. RV tech. exp. desired or strong mechanical. background considered. Call 734-326-7700 for appointment. or apply in person at Westland Camping Center, 1475 S. Newburgh, Westland

Computer Technicians

Certified Computer Technicians Wanted. Full and Part-time positions available. My Computer Guys of Michigan 734-207-8280 Send resumes to: Steve@mcgofmi.com

Fork Lift Operator Wayne based building material wholesaler seeks experienced F/L operator. Full time position. Full benefit package. Fast paced environment. Must be detail oriented. Please fax resume to: 734-595-3128 attention Bob.

Infant/Toddler Child Care Assistant needed. Experience or education in early childhood required. Call 734-439-0485 between 9:00 - 5:00.

Maintenance Man wanted for Romulus Apartment Complex. Call 734-891-9697

Part Time Sec./Admin. Assistant. Some computer skills necessary, book-keeping/some accounting required, organized, take direction from busy entrepreneur involved in several businesses. Flexible 10-20 hours. weekly. with FT potential, pleasant demeanor, professional appear. Call 313-506-6575

RN/LPN FT Day Position. If you enjoy working in a small family-like environment, this is the job for you. Sign-on bonus, great benefits, located in Wayne, Mich. Call Patricia Yobak at 734-721-0740 for appointment. or fax resume to 734-721-7824

The Journal Newspapers is accepting applications for Account Representatives to serve clients in our circulation area. Experience preferred but will train the right candidates. Must have reliable transportation. Flexible hours, full and part-time positions available. Send resumes to: The Journal Newspapers 35540 Michigan Avenue W Wayne MI 48184 Attention: Advertising Director Rob Young or fax to (734)729-3746

The Journal Newspapers is now accepting resumes for the following position(s):

Classified Advertising Manager

The qualified candidate will possess strong written and verbal communication skills, have the ability to manage all aspects of the classified advertising department and be self-motivated. If you are looking for a challenging position with a company on the rise then we would like to speak with you.

Please forward resume and cover letter to:

The Journal Newspaper 35540 Michigan Avenue W Wayne, MI 48184 Attention: Rob Young Advertising Director

or fax to 734-729-1840 Drug Free Workplace EOE

Woodshop seeking retired individual for PT work. All shifts. Woodshop/Warehouse work. Call 734-941-5004

DRIVERS - ACCEPTING TRAINEES! CDL in 16 Days! No Money Down, Student Financing! Tuition Reimbursement Avail. Job Placement Asst. 1-800-883-0171 ext. A-16. www.deltaacademy.com

DRIVERS - BEGIN THE YEAR with Family Owned Operation! Miles to 3000/wk plus Benefits & Late Model Equipment! Solo's Teams/Own Ops 23 w/CDL-A 1-877-613-6385 x286.

Call 734-467-1900 to place your classified ad.

DRIVER - COVENANT TRANSPORT. Regional Runs Available. Home Weekly. Excellent Pay & Benefits. Exp. Drivers, O/O & Students Welcome. Equal Opportunity Employer. 888-MORE-PAY (1-888-667-3729).

DRIVERS NEEDED - NO EXPERIENCE necessary. \$650 - \$850 per week. Great benefits. pdi4cdl.com 1-800-339-9812

EDITOR Resort Weekly Editor Wanted. We are looking for an experienced weekly editor. If you've got the right stuff in your writing, reporting and editing, we want to talk to you. We offer a competitive benefit package, competitive wages and a chance to work on a multi-award winning Northern Michigan resort town weekly newspaper. If you've got the right stuff, submit a resume to: Ken Winter, Publisher, c/o Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Application deadline is February 11, 2005.

GREAT VIRGINIA TEACH-IN 2005 -- Virginia's Teacher Recruitment Job Fair. Over 100 school districts represented! Greater Richmond Convention Center (March 5, 2005). Call toll-free (866) 79-TEACH or visit www.doe.virginia.gov.

HELP WANTED: Get a weekly listing of newspaper positions available in Michigan. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: bulletin@michiganpress.org.

BOLD PRINT ATTRACTS MORE READERS! CALL 734-467-1900 to place your ad.

HUGE PAY INCREASE For Company Drivers! Start from 40 to 42 cpm with an assigned conventional you can take home! Running OTR, you're home every 14 days! We offer full benefits including choice of medical plans, prescription discount, vision, dental, 401k retirement and more! Qualify for monthly bonuses & add an extra 2 cpm to your already outstanding pay! This is the job you had in mind when you resolved to earn more in 2005! Call us 7 days a week at 1-800-2JB-HUNT (800-252-4868) Must have 3 mos exp and hold a Michigan class A CDL. EOE. Subj to d/s.

NATIONAL CARRIERS: Opportunities singles and teams, high mileage, good pay. Teams additional 2 cents. Leases available on 48 state, Regional, Dedicated. Lease purchase available. Call 888-707-7729 nationalcarriers.com

YOU CAN HAVE EVERYTHING! Get home this weekend and get a pay raise! \$.44/mile. Run Regional/1 Year OTR experience required. Heartland Express 1-800-441-4953 www.heartlandexpress.com

34. Specialized Services

Special Assistance Needed-I am looking for a live-in assistant to help with my wife. Prefer Female over 50 years of age. Room provided. Payment for services negotiable for the right individual. Call 313-408-6138 for more information.

40. Business Opportunity

PAY OFF YOUR DEBT! Become a Partlyite Consultant FREE KIT PT Hours FT Pay FREE Training Flexible Hours Call Marilyn at 734-729-5456

43. Money to Loan

MORTGAGE residential, commercial, construction financing available. Also business loans for all purposes. Min. 10K. Lowest Rates. No processing / application / referral fees. Apply @ www.atrionfund-ing.getyourloan.com or call 866-545-5665

59. Auctions

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION On FEBRUARY 1, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder: 2002 Ford Focus 4 Dr. Gray 1FAFP34P02W231856 1978 Ford Bronco St-Wgn Black U15HLCF4777 1994 Mercury Cougar 2 Dr. White 1MELM6248RH605336 1989 Ford T-Bird 2 DR. black 1FA996047KH196867 1999 Ford Explorer St-Wgn Black 1FMZU32X6XUB92692 2001 Buick Century 4 Dr. White

2G4WS52J411288114 1990 Ford Aerostar St-Wgn Gray 1FMDA31U8LZA13611 1991 Olds Cutlass 4 Dr. Red 2G3AJ54R1M2318477 1994 Ford Aerostar St-Wgn Black 1FMCA11U6RZA26592 1986 Plymouth Caravell 4 Dr. Maroon 1P3BJ36D4GC243420

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be

deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle listed below will be auctioned after FEBRUARY 26, 2005 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time

1988 Ford Escort St-Wgn Silver 1FAPP2895JW149999

Funeral DIRECTORY

DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME

460 E. HURON RIVER DRIVE David C. Brown, Manager

Belleville 734-697-4500

Crane FUNERAL HOME

36885 GODDARD ROMULUS 734-941-9200 WILLIAM A. CRANE



Harry J. Will Funeral Homes

34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 721-5600

Tom Lynch • Manager Also in Livonia & Redford Jim Henley • Director

UHT FUNERAL HOME

Harold Rediske Jr., Director Harold Rediske II, Robert J. Gilbert, 35400 Glenwood Road Westland, MI 48186 • (734) 721-8555 www.uhtfuneralhome.com



24 HOUR SERVICE • FAX 278-7314

The Penn Funeral Home

"The Funeral Home You Can Believe In" JAMES H. PENN & SON

3015 S. Inkster Rd. Inkster, MI 48141 313-278-6300

87. Rooms for Rent

2 AWARD WINNING LOCATIONS!



CANTON 1-275 EXIT 22 (734) 722-8880

ROMULUS Middlebelt Road (south of I-94, near airport) Park & Fly Available (734) 946-8808

LOW WEEKLY RATES

SPECIAL \$39.99 + tax SINGLE with coupon • expires 04/30/05

• All new rooms • Free Deluxe Continental Breakfast • Free Local Phone Calls • 70 station cable w/ HBO • All Interior Corridors, with Elevators • Micro Fridge Available

"Ask about our jacuzzi rooms"

89. Apartments for Rent

Newburgh Colonial Apartments
734-721-6699

1st Month Rent FREE
\$485 Monthly • With Approved Credit

- Spacious 1 bedroom
- On site laundry
- Cable ready
- 5 minutes from Ford plant

2400 S. Newburgh Rd., Westland

89. Apartments for Rent

Come in from the Cold...
Wayne Forest Apartments

We have up to two months FREE rent.

- FREE Heat • FREE Water
- Large individual Storage area
- Laundry Facilities In Each Building
- Large Walk-In Closet
- 24 Hour Maintenance
- Carport Parking
- Centrally located to the Airport, Highways & Shopping

33095 Forest, Wayne, MI
734 326-7800
South of Michigan Ave.. Just off of Veno

Belmont Manor apartments

ONE MONTH FREE RENT!
Spacious 1 Bedroom Apartment ONLY \$560*
Spacious 2 Bedroom Apartment ONLY \$660*

- Extensive Storage • Fitness Center
- Minutes from Eastern MI University, Metro Airport & University of MI

3 Blks. South of Belleville Rd. (Main St.) On Huron River Drive

For Details Call (734) 699-2042

PRINCETON COURT APARTMENTS

WOW
NO RENT UNTIL MARCH!

1 Bedroom apartments \$599/month. Condo Style Living without the Fees! Washer/Dryer in Apt. Tons of Storage. Dogs Welcome!

Princeton Court Apartments
Plymouth, Michigan
734-459-6640
(*with approved credit)

Tivoli Apartments

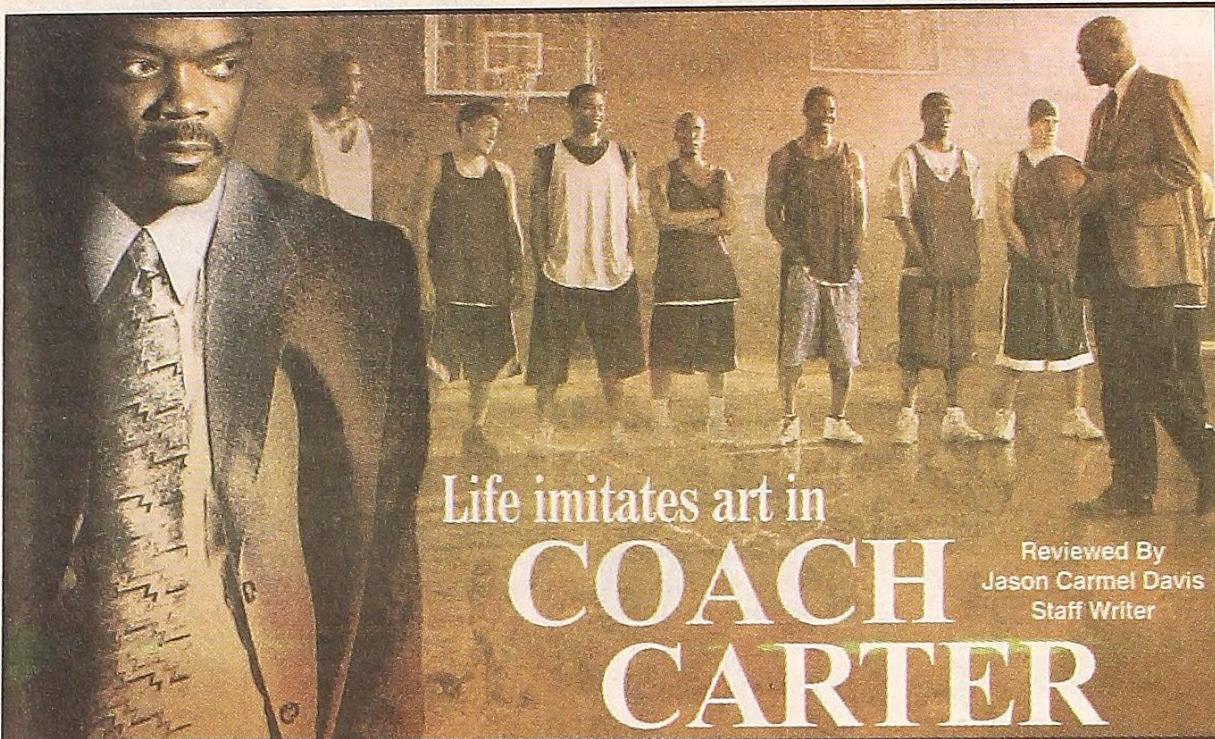
FIRST MONTH FREE

Large 2 Bedroom, 1½ Bath, Townhouses w/ Dishwasher, Private Entry w/ Patio. Over 1000 Sq. Ft. C/A, Pool, Laundry on Site.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS
(248) 624-6606
www.cormorantco.com

Quick Closings!

THE SCENE



Life imitates art in COACH CARTER

Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

In many of today's films, art imitates life. With all of the scandals surrounding collegiate and professional athletics these days, *Coach Carter* did exactly that.

The film—based on actual events—centers around high school basketball coach Ken Carter, played by Samuel L. Jackson, and his Richmond Oilers basketball team.

Before Carter takes the job, the team is awful, and their chemistry and general enjoyment of one another rivals that of Shaq and Kobe.

Carter's son, Damien, who attends a rival school, does everything in his power to have the chance to play for his dad. But because his son's current school is much better academically than Richmond, the elder Carter decides against it.

Carter, who attended the California high school and starred on the basketball team, comes in and takes a no-nonsense approach to the hardwood. He has each player on his roster sign a contract that states they will maintain at least a 2.3 GPA—3 higher than the state mandated average—attend each class and sit in the front row, and wear shirts and ties on game day. Damien ups the ante, telling his patriarch he will maintain a 3.5 GPA, which leads to Ken Carter inviting his son to play

for him.

The majority of the team respects Carter's approach but, as usual, there are a select few knuckleheads who test Carter's mettle. At his first practice, he loses his two leading scorers, and the team's resident "tough guy," Timo Cruz.

The make-up of the team almost resembles that of the bunch who played at Carver High in the 70's TV show *The White Shadow*.

There's Junior Battle, the star player who can barely read but can jump out of the gym and has a nice jump hook. Jason Lyle is the token white guy on the team with a decent game who makes most of the hustle plays. "Worm" is the team joker who talks a lot better than he plays. And there is Kenyon Stone, played by Rob Brown (*Finding Forrester*), who has the skill, potential and grades to play collegiate ball, but who is also expecting a child.

Following coach Carter's lead, the group—who finished a putrid 4-22 the previous season—embarks on a solid 16-game winning streak to start the season. The team seems to be on the way to stardom, until coach Carter receives progress reports from his players' teachers stating that most of them are failing.

Focused on showing the boys the value of a good education, Carter locks the school gym and cancels practice and urges his players to study.

Carter isn't just thinking about their academic eligibility, he's thinking more long-term for the boys. The community doesn't respect Carter's protest, and petitions to have him removed from his coaching duties. Carter is all set to clean out his office when he sees his squad in the gym equipped not with balls, but with books and pencils.

Richmond's remarkable season ends in the state playoffs with a loss to a rival team—the team the younger Carter left. But Carter's long-term goals pan out as six of his players—Battle included—go on to graduate from college.

Although he used a few too many clichés, Jackson is very convincing as a basketball coach. I liken his performance and the message conveyed in the film to *Remember the Titans*.

On the surface, Coach Carter may seem to be just about basketball, but that's only a very small portion of it. Carter shows those boys that no matter what obstacles are put in front of you, you always have a chance to achieve anything you put your mind to, be it academically or athletically.

Classic play delights audiences

John Counts
Staff Writer

Canton Township may not have been ready for Sheridan Whiteside, but they got him in all his robust glory in the Spotlight Players production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at the Village Theater.

The classic play, written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, isn't the easiest to bring to life. The quick pacing and verbal acrobatics make it a challenge—a challenge the Spotlight Players took on with respectable results.

Nick Szczerba, who plays the large, garrulous Sheridan Whiteside, did a good job with a difficult character. He yells and whines and speaks a mile-a-minute as the frenetic, quick-witted Whiteside. The character's boisterousness is at the center of the play, and Szczerba translates it from the script to the stage very well. The only reason not to be looking at him would be Sarah Blannett, who plays the smart, savvy secretary to Whiteside, Maggie Cutler, who wants to give up the circus of Whiteside's life for love. She has definite presence on the stage and handles the behavior of the 1930s well.

Some notable secondary performances include Ralph Rosati as the playwright Beverly Carlton and Brant Sabourin as the crazed Hollywood comedian, Banjo. They both added laughs to the production of a play that has a lot of them.

Many may know the plot of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* from the 1942 movie version starring Bette Davis and Monty Woolley or the 2000 televised stage performance featuring Nathan Lane. The fun starts when irascible radio personality, wit and lecturer Sheridan Whiteside slips on a patch of ice on the front porch of a well-to-do Ohio family, the Stanleys, who could be a stand-in for that other Ohio family, the Babbitts. When he is diagnosed

with a broken hip, he is told he must stay with the Stanleys while he mends. Under the threat of a lawsuit, the Stanleys are forced to endure Whiteside even when he turns out to be the houseguest from hell.

Whiteside's life is a carnival and he sets up the big tent in the Stanleys' living room, commandeering the phone, kitchen and library, as well. There are constant incoming calls and visits from celebrities and other cranks Whiteside has befriended along the way. Those born in the mid to latter half of the last century might not get a lot of the cultural references, which mostly deal with the 1930s—when the play was written—but that doesn't take much away from the overall lunacy of the play.

Cutler keeps the carnival rolling along smoothly is Whiteside's secretary. When Whiteside discovers she has fallen in love with the newspaper editor in town, Whiteside convinces to keep his most trusted employee. While this remains the most identifiable plot in the play, there is a lot of other stuff going on, including, but not limited to: octopuses, penguins, ax murderers and a doctor who thinks Whiteside will turn him into the John Grisham of the medical field. It's obvious the spirit of the play remains fresh, and the Spotlight Player's production captured that spirit well.

The production returns to the Village Theater stage this weekend starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28; 8 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 29 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30. It will also be performed starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 and at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5. The price of admission is \$18 for adults and \$16 for those over 60 and under 18. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park or at the Village Theater box office two hours prior to the performance. For more information, call the theater at (734) 394-5300 or leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Sites Now Being Reserved For

The Villas at Maple Creek

2 & 3
Bedroom
Ranch Condos

- Vaulted Ceilings
- Gas Fireplace
- Dishwasher
- Refrigerator, Stove & Microwave
- OPEN Everyday 10am-5pm



Sales Center located at
1110 Abbey Court
(Off of Marquette in Westland)
www.classictradition.com

Beck & Geddes
Canton

We pay 3% Co-op to All Selling Brokers

734-320-1955



clip, send & save \$4.50

"This book is a full meal for your heart and soul."

Tim Allen, comedian/Actor

If your life is joyous, happy and free of fear don't read this. If you want to be genuinely happy, overcome adversity, be free of fear and anxiety:

"Life is a Joke and God Wrote it," is your next must read.

"You provide ideas that we can practice right away to make our days richer and more meaningful." Christian Belz Warren, Michigan

Stop Stress From Stealing Your Happiness

"Life is a Joke and God Wrote it,"

By Jerry Stanecki

Syndicated columnist, life advisor and happy man.

"Stanecki's guide to rising out of the ashes. It's good stuff."

Elmore Leonard New York Times Best Selling Author

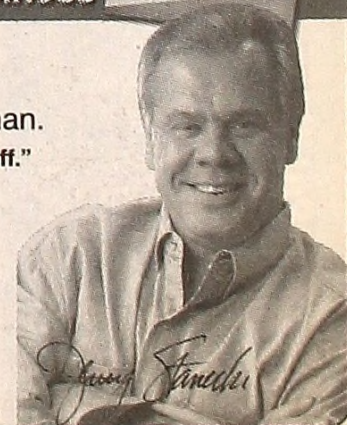
ORDER YOUR COPY NOW, \$19.50 (Tax, -S&H included)

PO Box 121 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

(If you'd like book signed by Jerry please note to whom)

JOURNAL READERS SPECIAL PRICE \$ 15.00 total

Personal Life Coach - Motivational Speaker - Corporate Consultant
www.jerrystanecki.com



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

You'll need new numbers for your 2005 tax planning

Fred Grant

Inside Small Business

www.fredgrantcpa.com

Take these tax law changes and inflation adjustments into account as you do your 2005 tax planning. The standard mileage rate for business driving increases from 37.5¢ to 40.5¢ per mile, effective January 1, 2005. The rate for medical and moving mileage increases from 14¢ to 15¢ per mile. The rate for charitable mileage remains at 14¢

per mile.

The first-year expensing limit for the purchase of business equipment increases from \$102,000 to \$105,000. The expensing election phases out once total purchases for 2005 exceed \$420,000 (up from \$410,000 for 2004).

The maximum earnings subject to social security tax increases from \$87,900 to \$90,000. As before, all earned income is subject to Medicare tax.

The earnings limit for retirees under age 65 increases from \$11,640 to \$12,000 for 2005. Social security benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 in earnings above this limit.

The nanny tax threshold remains at \$1,400 for 2005. If you pay household

workers more than this amount during the year, you're responsible for payroll taxes. The kiddie tax threshold remains at \$1,600. If your child under age 14 has more than \$1,600 of unearned income in 2005 (e.g., dividends and interest income), the excess will be taxed at your highest rate.

The maximum individual retirement account (IRA) contribution you can make in 2005 increases to \$4,000 (\$4,500 if you are 50 or older).

The maximum amount of wages

employees can put into a 401(k) plan increases from \$13,000 to \$14,000. The maximum allowed for SIMPLE plans increases from \$9,000 to \$10,000. If you are 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$18,000 to a 401(k) and \$12,000 to a SIMPLE plan.

The estate tax exemption remains at \$1.5 million, but the top estate tax rate drops from 48% to 47%.

For details or tax planning assistance, call us @ 734-455-1040

Listen to Fred Grant's radio show
"Inside Small Business" every weekend on
or call Fred at 734-455-1040



Hearing loss, the invisible and often forgotten handicap!

Many of us participate in some form of medical preventative maintenance program, either with a 6-month cleaning at the Dentist, a bi-yearly eye examination by the Optometrist or our yearly physical with the Internist. However, when was the last time you had your hearing tested by an Audiologist?

What is an Audiologist anyway? I hear this question often when asked what I do for a living. Simply, an Audiologist is an individual who provides diagnostic testing and rehabilitative treatment for the hearing-impaired population. Audiologists test patient's of all ages with various etiologies of hearing loss. They are employed in hospitals, schools, government, and private clinics. All Audiologists either have a Masters or Doctoral degree in Audiology from an accredited University.

Essentially, Audiologists perform hearing screenings and diagnostic testing for patients who feel they are having difficulty hearing and understanding speech.

In 2000, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' recommends a hearing screening for everyone once every 10 years from 18 to 50 years of age, with more frequent screenings after age 50. If a hearing loss is diagnosed, a comprehensive audiological examination by an Audiologist is recommended. Follow-up audiological testing thereafter is recommended every 2-3 years. The need for this type of testing is increasingly important, because of the incidence of hearing impairment in the United States. Hearing loss is not just a problem of the elderly either. According to a 1996 report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 28 million Americans of all ages are thought to have some degree of hearing impairment. Dr. Kochkiri also has stated that since 1994, more than 1 million "baby boomers" between the ages of 45 and 54 have acknowledged a hearing problem, which required some type of audiological management.

In a recent article by Drs. Newman and Sandridge* from the Cleveland Clinic, "Consequences of Hearing Loss" was discussed. They essentially stated, "hearing loss can seriously affect a person's quality of life". Limiting ones ability to listen in noisy situations and reducing participation in many social events that requires communicating with other people. Psychosocial effects of hearing loss also are seen through signs of withdrawal, cognitive loss, depression, social isolation, or psychosis. There are also risks of misclassification of the severity of senile dementia in elderly people with hearing loss. These are all excellent examples of why regular hearing screening or hearing testing should be performed to patients of all ages.

If you or someone you love believes you could benefit from a hearing test, I would strongly recommend that you consult with an Audiologist for purposes of obtaining a comprehensive audiological examination.

Gerald Hug MA, CCC-A
Clinical Audiologist
445 S. Harvey St.
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 451-0800



Gerald Hug MA, CCC-A
Clinical Audiologist

Turn your Fitness "Resolutions" into Life "Revolutions"

Earlier this week, one of the local news stations reported that Jan 24th was the most depressing day of the year for most people. The 3 reasons given were: cold weather, Christmas bills, and failed New Year's resolutions. I hate the cold weather, too, and I could do without the Christmas bills, but I don't believe in failed New Year's resolutions. Why? I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. Period. New Year's resolutions insinuate that if you haven't progressed towards your goals by February, you have failed. New Year's resolutions leave you with a sense of failure and negativity about your goals if you didn't stick with them. I prefer "Life Revolutions." They don't come with any pressures attached to them and they don't allow you the opportunity to make excuses for yourself. Life Revolutions can be started any month of the year, any day of the week, any hour of the day. Revolution is defined by the Scholastic's Children's Dictionary (let's keep this simple, people) as "a very large, important change." A resolution is defined (in the same dictionary) as "a promise to yourself that you will try hard to do something." Life revolutions are a more positive way to look at your goals. If exercise and a healthy lifestyle are your goals, don't beat yourself up in February for not completely sticking with them. Instead, start over. Forget about the "promise" and go for the "change." Keep these points in mind when starting your fitness revolution:

1. Put your goals in writing.
2. Identify short term goals that will lead you to your long term goals.
3. Track your progress and celebrate your successes along the way.
4. Find a workout partner or someone who can hold you accountable for achieving your goals. Share your goals with your family.
5. Work with a personal trainer to develop the right plan for you.
6. Don't beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon. Tomorrow is a new day.
7. Be persistent, determined and consistent
8. Reflect on making the change not only for yourself, but for the well-being of your family.

This doesn't have to be a depressing time of the year. Instead, be grateful for the cold weather and the Christmas bills so you have a reason to stay inside and out of the malls. Now is the perfect time to focus on your fitness and lifestyle goals. While attending a conference this weekend, I heard someone say how gratifying it was to have a successful business and that, "You can make money, or you can make excuses." I prefer to apply this rule to fitness and a healthy lifestyle and say "You can make excuses or you can change your life." And, what could be more gratifying than that?

Angela Hill is an ACE Certified Personal Trainer and Owner of
Moms on the Move Personal Training Company
(734) 516-7223



Angela Hill
Moms on the Move
Personal Training Company

Understanding How BONDS Work

Bonds can satisfy a variety of investment needs, for instance, providing additional income and diversification in your portfolio. But do you know what you are buying when you purchase a bond or a bond mutual fund?

Governments and corporations must raise money to expand or to finance particular projects. These organizations sell bonds as a method of borrowing money. When you invest in a bond, you are lending money to its issuer. The bond is issued for a fixed period of time (maturity date) that can range from 13 weeks to 30 years. The issuer will make fixed-interest payments to you over the life of the bond, and will pay you the face value of the bond when it matures.

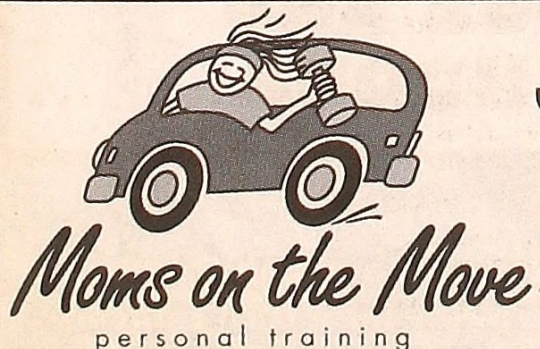
There are several types of bonds on the market. The most common are as follows:

- U.S. Treasury bonds The federal government sells bonds to finance its debt. They are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government and are therefore regarded as the most conservative investments available.
- Municipal bonds State and local governments might use the funds for the construction of schools, roads, and land conservation. The interest from municipal bonds is usually exempt from federal and state income tax. This tax-free status should be taken into consideration when comparing municipals to taxable investments.
- GSE Government-sponsored enterprise securities are sold by government agencies like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae. This money is used to fund loans for special borrowers such as farmers, homebuyers, and students.
- Corporate bonds companies often need money to build or improve facilities, pay off old debt, to acquire other firms, or for other expansion purposes. Interest from corporate bonds is taxable at the state and federal levels. Corporate bonds usually pay higher interest rates than government bonds because there is a chance that the company could default on the bond. High-yield bonds, also called junk bonds, are corporate bonds that are issued by companies with below-investment-grade credit ratings.

If low interest rates have your income down, bonds could help you increase your cash flow. If you would like to know which type of bonds would be best for your situation, please call curt @ (734) 844-3400.



Curt Whipple
C. Curtis and Associates, Inc.



"...where fitness doesn't have to be another chore!"

\$10 Gift Certificate

Toward First Training Session/Package

734-516-7223-Ask
for Angela Hill, ACE C.P.T.

Call now for your complimentary 1 hour fitness consultation!
Gift Certificates available for that busy mom in your life.



Moms on the Move
is a mobile
personal training
company that is all
about busy moms!
Don't have a babysitter?
Not a problem!
We work exercise
into your life!

Where do you go when you need an awning?



Marygrove

AWNINGS

**SAVINGS
END
MONDAY!!**

1-800-44-AWNING

or 734-422-7110

- We are the manufacturer
- 90 days same as cash
- Up to 16ft projections
- Ask about our Heat Sealed or Sewn Seams



RETRACTABLE CLOSED

HUGE JANUARY SAVINGS

Marygrove
AWNINGS

**1/2 OFF
ALL IN-STOCK
RETRACTABLE
AWNINGS**

Marygrove
AWNINGS

**20% OFF
ALL RESIDENTIAL
AWNINGS AND
DOOR HOODS**

One coupon per customer. No other discounts or offers apply. Other Coupons cannot be combined. Discount on in-stock awnings only Expires 1-31-05.

12700 Merriman Rd., Livonia

www.marygrove.com

**I-96 Jeffries to Merriman South,
1st light, turn left then turn right to
the railroad tracks.**